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Look at all the changes

Whiting full of improvements

● By Mandy Meyers

Whiting High School has undergone numerous changes since the past school year.

Projects which were started in the summer kept students waiting and waiting for a final completion.

Because of all the changes, students were constantly told to be patient and to keep on waiting.

This year Whiting made many changes to benefit its students. WHS finally received it's central air unit that we've been waiting for so long. The high school also has its own cafeteria. As students recall, we always used Nathan Hales' cafeteria.

Throughout all this mess, we picked up four new teachers for the high school.

Even our school day has changed. Remember how we always had a 8 a.m. to 3:05 p.m. schedule? Well this year we added a period called Zero Hour, which is an extra class that starts at 2:35 p.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. Another addition is a study hour called Choice. Students are assigned to an assigned class at the end of the day. Students are to use this time to study, do homework or get help from another teacher.

You would think that all of these changes would drive a person crazy, but they haven't. Most students liked the changes and handled them well.

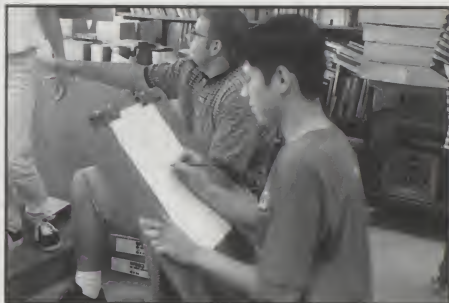
This year's yearbook theme is "remember when." Students do just that when they "remember" all the memories they have made this year.



- Sophomores Dave Hoover and Mike Hoover wait for their food in the lunch line.



- Students (above) enjoy their lunch in the new cafeteria facility.



- Sophomores Tammy Fisher (left), Stephanie Nagy and Tiffany Amber Sanchez work on their homework during Choice Hour.

- Senior Mauricio Rosendo (above) concentrates on his drawing during Choice Hour.



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First Day

Oilers happy
to be back!

• By Rachel Lyons

Students returned to WHS on Aug. 27 with new bookbags, pens, pencils, and paper -- all indications that a new school year was underway, and that summer was definitely over.

Most students were excited to be back in school, while others thought that summer vacation went by too fast.

"The beginning of summer was great because it gave me time to take a break and have fun with my friends," junior **Joan Musak** said. "But towards the end, I was extremely busy, so it wasn't much of a break anymore."

Students were all glad to be back in school for different reasons. Some were glad to see their friends that they hadn't seen all summer and others were glad to be back in school to get involved in school activities again.

"I was happy when school started," sophomore **Robert Hobson** said. "It gave me something to do."

The first day of school also brings a lot of surprises.

"The fact that there were so many new people and new teachers, it really surprised me," sophomore **Liz Martinez** said.

All of the students were hoping to have a great year, from the freshmen students, who began their first year of high school, to the seniors, who prepared for their final year.



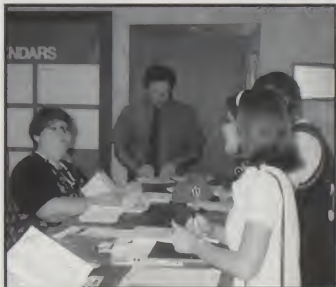
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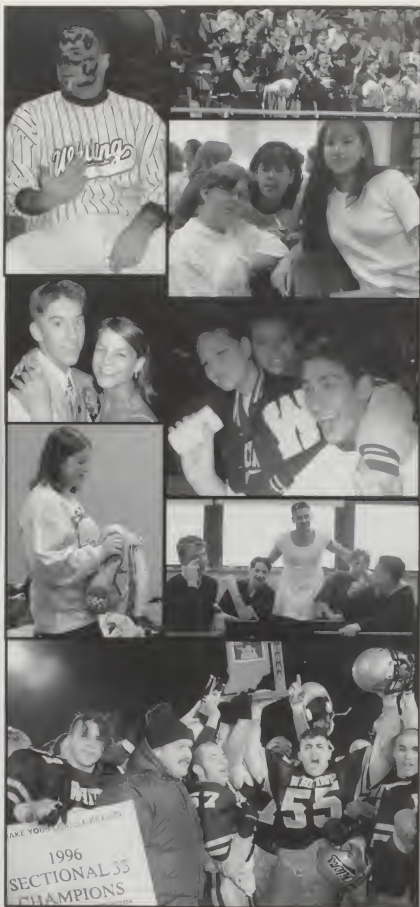
- Sophomore Omar Ruiz, Doug Dean, and Jim Smith are all thinking about how their first day is going to go



- Seniors Joe Rivers and Josh Plemons are both excited to start their first day in English class.
- Junior Eileen Stahura picks up her shedule in the office on the first day of school.
- Freshman Kyle Prskalo steps eagerly off the bus awaiting his first day.



STUDENT LIFE





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Homecoming

Oiler spirit hits highest point

Homecoming is an annual event when school spirit tends to reach a peak.

Students demonstrated their Oiler pride by participating in spirit week which took place during September 23-28. The dress up days included Class Color Day, Brady Bunch Day, Happy Days Day, Hat and Tie Day, and the traditional Green and White Day. Spirit week began with a bonfire followed by a dance in the pavilion. Students worked hard to decorate their hallway and assemble their float to win the coveted spirit stick. As Friday approached, students were filled with anticipation.

"I couldn't wait to find out who won the spirit week events," said junior **Peggy Edge**. Game Day began with the pep assembly, which included speeches by the senior football players and **Coach Cain** and the senior skit. The parade was held after school, leading fans to the football field for the game. At halftime the attendants were presented and it was announced that the 1996 Homecoming King and Queen were **Andres Casillas** and **Beth Dybel**. "It was really exciting when I heard my name announced," said Casillas. "It was one of the more memorable moments of my senior year." The Class of '98 received the honor of the spirit stick for the 1996-1997 school year. The night ended with a 40-0 victory over the Calumet Warriors. The Homecoming festivities were completed by a dance on Saturday night. The theme of the dance was "Always Forever," by Donna Lewis.



- Seniors show their spirit at the bonfire.
- Senior girls ride the victory train.

• By Melissa Adkins & Joan Musak

•Juniors pose with the spirit stick after receiving it.

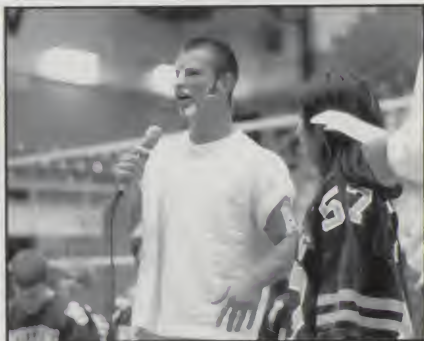
•Junior Mike Toth struts his stuff on the dance floor.





•The 1996 Homecoming Court: Mike Toth, Margaret Edge, Mike Hoover, Adrianne Dominguez, Carlos Munoz, Elizabeth Toth, Queen Beth Dybel, King Andres Casillas, Jamie Bayless, Josh Plemons, Jim Weller, and Michelle Manaugh.

•Senior Lisa Zubeck adds final touches to hallway decorations.



•Senior Joe Holtrop gets the crowd fired up at the pep assembly.

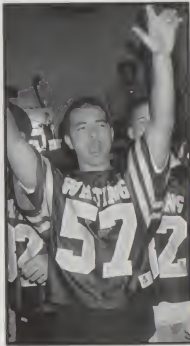
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Fall Play

Cast re-invents

Cinderella

• By Michelle Miller

The drama department accepted the challenge of re-enacting Disney's classic Cinderella and, in numerous ways, the student performers re-invented many memorable scenes making the effort an enjoyment for everyone.

Cinderella had a few noticeable changes from the original story. The story featured Spitfire a pet dragon, and a fairy godmother who was not allowed to practice magic. Instead of having just a king, the play also added a queen.

"I think that Cinderella was really successful because they acted it out very well, and I like the new story better," said sophomore **Karyn Dabrowa**. "I enjoyed watching the play."

Sophomore **Amanda Biagi** also agreed.

"I enjoyed watching Cinderella a lot," Biagi said. "I thought it was very interesting because the story was funny."

Cinderella's cast included 15 students; several of which made their acting debuts.

"It was a great experience and I hope to do more acting," said sophomore **Nicole Protolipac**, who played Hollyhock.

Junior, **Jackie Metejko** said she enjoyed her role as the evil step-mother.

"Being mean and crabby comes very easily to me," the junior said.

Overall, the play's fresh new perspective on the classic tale was what made this year's Fall Play memorable.



• Prince Adrian and Cinderella dance the night away at the enchanted ball.

12. Fall Play



• Peony and Hollyhock express sympathy for Cinderella because she is unable to attend the ball.

• Spitfire finds time to take a pose.



• The stepsisters comfort their mother, after finding out news about Cinderella.

THE CAST

CINDERELLA... TIFFANY SVITKO

MALA... JACKIE MATEJKO

PEONY... APRIL IRZARRY

HOLLYHOCK... NICOLE PROTOPIAC

MISS FRIENDLY... TERRI SHEBISH

ROLLO... J.R. FORD

PRINCE ADRIAN... ROBERT HOBSON

SPIRITFIRE... MARGARET EDGE

QUEEN ELSA... MANDY MEYERS

KIND LEOPALD... MARK HALLIAR

JUSTINE... KATHY FISHER

MARILLA... SUSAN SHADE

DRUSILLA... KATIE HAYES

PAGE... SHANNON WILSON

MICE... ASHLEY SUDAR & MICHELLE MIRANDA

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Sectionals

Sectional Dance very memorable

• By Beth Anne Dybel

The 1997 Sectional Dance was held on March 1 in the Middle School Gymnasium. This year's dance was held after, rather than before the boys basketball sectional, which was a bit unusual. Still, spirits were very high. Everyone who attended this annual dance was real excited to spend the evening dancing the night away with their friends, or maybe even a romantic date.

This year the Sectional Royal Court consisted of freshmen **Thespena Kollintzas** and **Gene Berryman**; sophomores **Anastasha Abrego** and **Shawn Turpin**; and juniors **Jackie Matejko** and **Brett Jennings**. The senior King and Queen nominees were **Harvey Cox** and **Teresa Collings**, and **Lisa Bayless** and **Mike Wenglarz**. The King and Queen winners were **Mauricio Rosendo** and **Lisa Zubeck**.

"I was surprised to even be nominated, but I was not focused on winning," Rosendo said. "It was pretty cool to hear Lisa Zubeck and me announced. All my friends were happy, too."

The Sectional Dance provided students an opportunity to dress up and dine at a nice restaurant, or perhaps at an old hangout.

"I went through the McDonalds drive-thru and we ate in the car, then a whole bunch of us went to the bowling alley," senior **Jayson Knazur** said. "We had a great time."

Many of the students came away from this special dance with pleasant memories. For the seniors, this dance was their last in the Middle School Gym, and for the younger students, they are already looking ahead to next year.



• The 1997 King and Queen were Mauricio Rosendo and Lisa Zubeck.



- The 1997 Sectional Court: Mike Wenglarz, Lisa Bayless, Harvey Cox, Teresa Collings, King Mauricio Rosendo, Queen Lisa Zubeck, Thespena Kollintzas, Gene Berryman, Anastasha Abrego, Shawn Turpin, Jackie Matejko, Brett Jennings
- Senior Kelly Vaught takes a minute from dancing to pose for a picture



- Holly Kosalko and Elizabeth Fetsis smile for the camera.
- Sophomore Prince Shawn Turpin and Princess Anastasha Abrego are announced at the dance.
- Two more members of the Sectional court, freshmen Gene Berryman and Thespena Kollintzas receive royal treatment.

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Spring Musical

Students show audience "How to Eat Like a Child"

• By Joan Musak

Have you ever wondered how it is that some little kids seem to get away with everything? It doesn't happen by accident or by sheer luck. Many cunning kids use their innocence to their advantage and, when this happens, it provides for some very humorous situations.

This year's musical, "How to Eat Like a Child," directed by Mrs. Melinda Reinhardt, shows exactly what it is that kids go through to get their way. Several episodes explained what must be said and done to be a kid. One skit, "How to ride in a car," explained how to be obnoxious to pass the time on those long, boring car trips, such as constantly asking "are we almost there yet?" and bothering your annoying sister.

"Being in the musical was a lot of fun," junior **Jackie Matejko** said. "I was getting to act like a kid."

The show consisted of students from the high school and middle school, plus the Whiting High School Choir. The high school ensemble included juniors **Margaret Edge**, **Kristy Gonzalez**, **Holly Kosalko**, **Jackie Matejko**, **Mandy Meyers**, **Susan Shade**, **Tiffany Svitko**, sophomores **Robert Hobson**, **Katherine Farmer**, and freshman **Mandy Blastick**.

For the first time since Mrs. Reinhardt took over the drama department, there was a live (musical) pit. The pit included students **Ryan Zurek** and **Nathan Wilson**.

"I think the play was very successful," said Matejko. "We did really well."



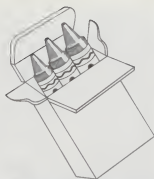
• Above, junior Tiffany Svitko waits for what seems like forever for her mother to pick her up from school.

• Left, sophomore Katherine Farmer helps juniors Jacqueline Matejko and Holly Kosalko demonstrate how to beg your parents for a dog.

• Right, sophomore Robert Hobson pretends his violin is a rock guitar.



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•The cast sings about their refusal to fall asleep.

• Juniors Jacqueline Matejko, Holly Kosalko, and Tiffany Svitko sing about how terribly sick they feel.

• Middle schooler Ryan Cogdill shows junior Mandy Meyers and sophomore Robert Hobson how to properly eat an animal cracker.



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Prom

Prom was 'Almost Paradise'

Prom took place on Saturday, May 17. The theme for this year's Prom was 'Almost Paradise'. The theme proved true in the opinion of most.

"Prom was a blast," senior **Jayson Knazur** said. "It was the perfect way to close my senior year."

Pre-Prom was held in the auditorium. The stage was decorated with a bridge, trees, and a pond. The Prom colors were silver, lilac, and baby blue. After pre-Prom, some students set off in limos, while others left in cars -- all were on their way to the House of Lynwood where the Prom would be held.

At 7 p.m., Prom began. Students were served a family style meal which included chicken, beef, and mostaccioli. After dinner, Prom-goers danced to a variety of music supplied by Entertainment Express.

At 10:30, it was finally time to announce the 1997 Prom Court. Junior class president **Margret Edge** announced that **Elizabeth Kowal** and **Joseph Flores** were Princess and Prince. **Kelly Vaught** was crowned Queen and her King was **Andres Casillas**.

"I didn't think I was going to win, because I had won Homecoming and Cinco de Mayo King," said Casillas after being named Prom King as well.

After Prom, students went their separate ways. Some people went out to eat, while others went someplace to hang out. No matter what you did, Prom was certainly a night to remember.

• By Melissa Adkins and Heather Trojnar



- Top, John Tokoly removes Laurie Lesar's garter.
- Left, Mark Koval dances the night away.
- Above, Maury Raycroft clowns around.



- Above left, seniors take a timeout for a picture.
- Above right, Joe Rivers and Michelle Manaugh anticipate pre-Prom.
- Left, Therese Shebish enjoys the night with her date.
- Right, the 1997 Prom Court: Elizabeth Kowal, Kelly Vaught, Andres Casillas, and Joseph Flores.



- Above left, Mandy Meyers, Elizabeth Fetsis, Hally Kosalko, and Katie Farmer pose for a quick picture.
- Above, Mike Toleikis, Brett Jennings, Juan Rosendo, and J.J. Furto relax between dances.
- Far left, students dance to a slow song.
- Right, Melissa Adkins and Dan Donovan walk on the pre-Prom set.

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Toy Drive

Students and faculty of WHS bring joy to needy

The laughter of all the students and faculty at the assembly was not the only happiness heard this year during Christmastime at WHS. The students and faculty brought joy to the needy by collecting more than \$500, which was donated to the food pantry of Whiting.

The students by reaching this goal received many different fun-filled activities performed by the teachers and they also received an assembly.

At the assembly there was a faculty versus students basketball game, along with a fashion show put on by **Mr. Rebey** who wore an outfit designed by **Mauricio Rosendo**, sewed by **Kim Mikulski**, and make-up by **Adrienne DeLuna**. Also, the students at the assembly were given the lifetime chance to be the person to throw a pie in **Mr. Flick's** face. The winner was **Holly Kosalko**, who was asked how she felt about the honor.

"I felt I was kind of doing it for the whole student body," she said.

During the week, **Mr. Buscher** and **Mr. Moynihan** had the chance to shine as females; **Mrs. Klochan** dressed as a Spanish dancer; **Mrs. LaBorde Baxter** dressed as a Christmas tree; and **Mr. Flick** was Santa Claus. The master of ceremonies at the assembly was **Dr. Manwaring**, who dressed as one of Santa's elves.

Not only was there fun and games during the week prior Christmas, but a few students from **Mrs. Mindas'** class went every day

'I felt I was kind of doing it for the whole student body.'

--junior **Holly Kosalko**, on getting the honor of throwing a pie into the face of WHS Principal **Mr. Flick**.

during Choice/Zero Hour to collect money.

"It is very hard to go around and collect money from the students," senior **Kelly Vaught** said. "They would much rather spend it on other things, but as the days went on, students get into the Christmas spirit and they started donating more. We finally reached our goal!"

At the end of this fun-filled week, the students and faculty of WHS left for winter break knowing they did something very special for the needy families of Whiting.

• Are these Grind dancers? No, it's just a few teachers doing the hit dance "The Macarena."

• By Beth Anne Dybel



• Junior Tiffany Svitko participates in the pie-eating contest.



• Representing the seniors in the battle of the classes is Kim Mikulski.

• Mr. Flick proudly takes a pie in the face from a student.



PEOPLE



•Dr. Reg Manwaring•
Superintendent



•Dr. Sandra Martinez•
Director of Curriculum



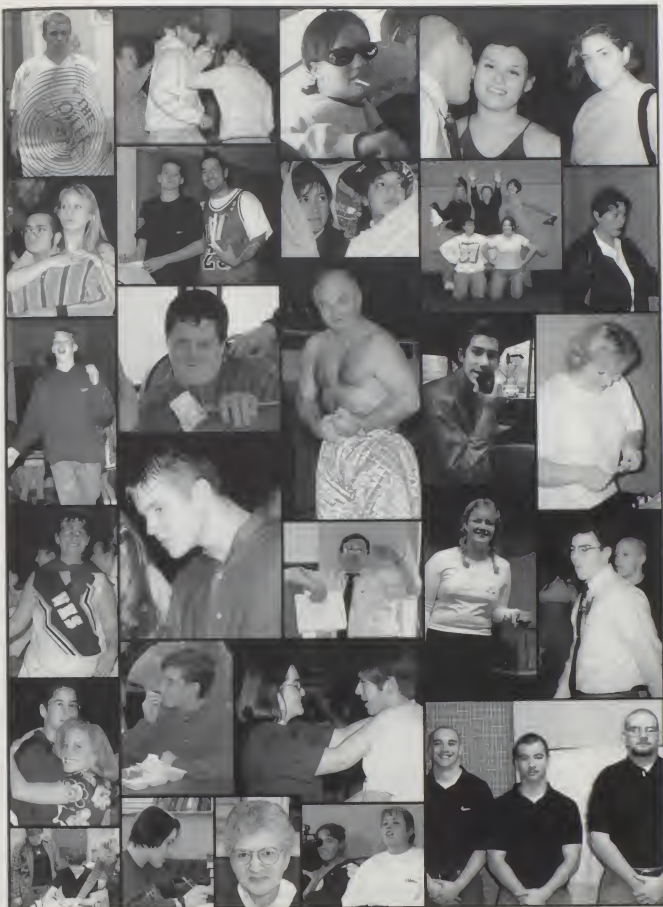
•1996-1997 Whiting School Board: Front row, left to right, Secretary Kenneth Zubeck, President James Buckley, Vice President Tracy Sabol. Back row, left to right, Doty Negovetich and Jeremiah Moynihan.



•Dirk Flick•
High School Principal



•Jay Harker•
Middle School Principal



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Juniors

**Preparing for
the future**

● By Tiffany Amber Sanchez



Melissa Applegate



Joseph Balind



Julio Barrera



Thomas Calais



Eric Castilas



Nicholas Dado



Melissa DeLavega



Wendy Douglas



Jessica Earl



Margaret Edge



Elizabeth Fetas



Kathleen Fisher



Joseph Flores



James Ford



Jeannie Fusner



Brandy Garcia



Marc Giglio



Jesse Gonzalez



Kristina Gonzalez



Melissa Granberg



Alexander Green



Gregory Gulvas



Philip Harris



Kathryn Hayes



Elizabeth Herman



Amanda Irvine



Brett Jennings



George Kollintzas



John Kontik



Holly Kosaiko



Mark Koval



Elizabeth Kowal



Nicholas Leyba



Denise Lopez



Michael Lopez



Amanda Marrs



Jacqueline Matejko



Joan Musak



Carrissa Perez



Regina Rudy



Susan Shade



Eileen Stahura



Jennifer Thamm



Anthony White



Nicholas McNinch



Michael Nagy



Gerri Polak



•The Junior Class shows its enthusiasm at the Homecoming pep rally.



John Toleikis



Michael Yurkanin



Kelley Meyerholl



Jillian Netherlon



Shawn Roberts



Michael Toth



George Zamot



Mandy Meyers



Josiua Noojin



Morgan Robinson



Ronald Trent



Ryan Zurek



Alfredo Montero



Laura Owczazrk



Patricia Rodriguez



Jimmy Trzepacz



Paul Weinight



Christopher Moore



Moses Paez



Juan Rosendo



Pedro Sanchez III



Melissa Spencer



Tiffany Svliko



Class of '98

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SOPHOMORES

HALF WAY
THERE

● By Tiffany Amber Sanchez



Anastasha Abrego



Martin Anaya



Tina Bass



Amanda Baez



Josh Bishop



Justin Bogucki



James Buerling



Helmer Buranosky



Betri Carroll



Judith Chicvara



Karyn Dabrowski



Jennifer Dado



Martin Dado



Jason Davidson



Douglas Dean



Jason Deel



Benjamin DeBold



Daniel Duriovan



Adriana Dominguez



Brian Domsich



Anie Dosen



Anthony Dumezich



Richard Espinoza



Kathrine Farmer



Sanyra Fernandez



Tammy Fisher



Jeremy Furto



Miguel Garcia



Marx Hallar



Shannon Hemm



Robert Hobson



David Hoover



Michael Hoover



Bryan Ison



Tami Legg



Jose Leon



Angela Lopez



Alonzo Luna



Rachel Lyons



Garrett Maddox



Jose Magallanes



Sarah Maxis



Elizabeth Martinez



Adriana Meigosa



Michelle Miller



Jessica Moskaick



Stephanie Nagy



Laura Nelson



Thomas Oehman



Malachi Paoz



Joseph Pliskur



Karen Polak



Norman Price



Nicole Protolipac



Maurice Raycroft



Faith Rodick



Cesar Rodriguez



Jorge Rodriguez



Omar Ruiz



Tiffany Sanchez



Frank Skiba



James Smith



Paul Stracav



Cory Taylor



Joseph Thomas



James Turner



Shawn Turpin



Eugene Urbina Jr



Jose Vasquez



David Verta



Daniel Vujko



Aron Weiner



Philip Wetnight



Ryan Williams



Nathan Wilson



Pablo Zedras



Consalida Zamot



Mark Zareer



Tim Zubeck

CLASS OF '99

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Freshmen

**A new
beginning**

● By Tiffany Amber Sanchez



Kimberly Abrego



Brian Acheson



Craig Bailing



Michael Beda



Jacquelyn Benko



Gene Berryman



Mandy Blasick



Brett Buscher



Yolanda Casillas



Sean Coleman



Nicole Condy



David Curosh



Matthew Dado



Nicholas Dahm



Joseph DeHoyas



James Edge Jr.



Paul Furto



Robert Gancola



Edward Gomez



Joe Gonzalez



Laura Guivas



Julie Hams



Michael Hartman



Michael Hayes



Jared Hobson



Kristen Knazur



Michelle Kobl



Thespena Kollintzas



Kate Koval



Leon Leckavicius Jr.



Laura Martinez



Jennifer Matuska



John Menzyk



Sara Morando



Michael Nastav



Tiffany Olsson



Elaine Prevatte



Sarah Puhsek



Ramona Rivera



Rene Scott



David Singh



Amanda Valdez



Kyle Prskalo



Vitalia Pushkarovich



Ralph Rodick



Sandra Serna



Philip Solak



Derek Vaught



• Freshmen Carlos Munoz and Elizabeth Toth are happy about being named to the 1996 Homecoming court.



Antonio Sutton



Joseph Thomas



Brianne Tolbertson



Elizabeth Toth



Phillip White



Jordan Wilson



Anthony Whitman



Natalie Yzaguirre

• Freshmen Brianne Tolbertson, Natalie Yzaguirre, Rene Scott, and Amanda Valdez celebrate after one of the Oiler's many victories.



Class of '00

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FACULTY

**ALWAYS THERE
TO HELP**

● By Tiffany Amber Sanchez



Don H. Adkins
26 years
•Indiana University,
Purdue University
Calumet
•Sociology, Psychology,
Geography, Govern-
ment, Economics
•Senior Class Sponsor



Kathy A. Baxter
5 years
•Purdue University
•H. S. Learning Dis-
abilities Program
•Junior Class Sponsor



Bob A. Buscher
1 year
•University of Indiana-
polis, Ball State Uni-
versity
•M.S. & H.S. Physical
Education, M.S. &
H.S. Health
•Head Boys Basketball
Coach



Jeff L. Cain
10 years
•Purdue University
•M.S. Ind. Tech., Metals,
Graphics
•Head Football Coach



Kathleen M. Dreyanko
3 years
•M.S. Secretary



Kim C. Fentress
2 years
•Indiana University
•7th & 8th grade math,
7th grade Pre-algebra,
8th grade Algebra
•M.S. Cheerleading
Coach



Kathryn G. Flaris
11 years
•Indiana University,
Purdue University
Calumet
•English 11 & 12, Ad-
vanced English 11 & 12,
Advanced Composition
•English Academic Team,
Dept. Chair - English/
Foreign Language



Jeff D. Foss
2 years
•Indiana University,
Purdue University Cal-
umet, Calumet College
•Advanced English 10,
Speech, *The Reflector*,
The Tattler
•7th grade Girls Basket-
ball Coach



Jean E. Fritz
22 years
•Indiana State Univer-
sity
•H.S. & M.S. Physical
Education, H.S. & M.S.
Health



Nicole A. Genito
1 year
•Purdue University,
Purdue University
Calumet
•M. S. Learning Dis-
abilities Program
•M. S. Cheerleading



Betty Guaccio
6 years
•Ball State University,
Purdue University
•English 10, SAT
Vocab



Kathy M. Herochik
2 years
•Purdue University,
Indiana University
Northwest
•Geometry, Calculus
•Academic Team Co-
Sponsor, Math Aca-
demic Team



William J. Holland
1 year
•Butler University
•6th grade Science, 6th grade Language Arts



Edward J. Hrusko
2 years
•Ball State University, Purdue University Calumet
•In-School Suspension Supervisor, Athletic Director
•Assistant Football Coach



Brian W. Jennings
1 year
•Indiana State University, Purdue University Calumet
•M.S. Computer Applications
•Assistant Football Coach, Head Baseball Coach



Barbara J. Justak
1 year
•Athletic & Attendance Secretary



Marina A. Kiochan
7 years
•Indiana University
•Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4
•Spanish Club



Robert L. Klosek
29 years
•St. Joseph's, Calumet College, Purdue University
•Guidance Counselor
•National Honor Society



Robert K. Kuhn
7 years
•Valparaiso University
•H.S. Band, M.S. Band, M.S. Choir, M.S. General Music



Leon Laspar
24 years
•Purdue University
•8th grade English, 7th grade Literature



Paul J. Laub
27 years
•Purdue University
•Algebra 1 & 2, Dept. Chair - Math
•Head Girls Basketball Coach, Head Softball Coach, Assistant Athletic Director



Gail A. Lemon
14 years
•Indiana State University, Purdue University, Indiana University, DePaul University
•Acct., Bus. Math, M.S. Bus., Word Processing, Bus. Law, Mgmt., Keyboarding 3, Com. Apps.
•SADD & FBIA Club



Kevin T. Lenz
1 year
•DePaul University
•Problem Solving 1 & 2, Pre-Algebra, Consumer Math, Investigative Geometry
•Assistant Basketball Coach



Evelyn Leonhardt
9 years
•University of Illinois
•German 1, 2, 3, 4
•German Club



Lucy Leyba
7 years
•Bookkeeper



Jeremy J. Long
1 year
•Ball State University
•Chemistry, 7th grade Science



Jennifer C. McConnell
1 year
•Indiana University
•6th grade Math, 6th grade Language Arts



Rena M. Mindas
8 years
•Calumet College
•Ceramics, Applied
Arts, Art 1, 2, 3, 6th &
7th grade Art
•Fine Arts Academic
Team, Art Club Sponsor,
Sophomore Class
Sponsor, Dept. Chair,
Fine Arts/ Library



Kevin M. Moynihan
1 year
•Valparaiso University
•Advanced English 9,
English 9 & 11
•Freshman Basketball
Coach



Dan J. Nichols
2 years
•Marian College
•8th grade Science,
Biology, Advanced
Biology
•Science Academic
Team
•Cross Country, 8th
grade Girls Basketball



Loretta Raycroft
2 years
•Saint Mary's College,
University of Texas
•Life Science, Biology,
Chemistry, Advanced
Chemistry
•Environmental Club,
Booster Club
•6th grade Girls Basketball



William J. Rebey
31 years
•Western Michigan
University, Purdue
University
•CAD-CAM 1, 2, Woods
1, 2, Drafting 1, 2, 6th
& 7th grade Ind. Tech.
•Ind. Tech. Club, "W"
Club
•Head Wrestling Coach,



Melinda A. Reinhart
7 years
•Indiana University
•H. S. Concert Choir
•Drama Club, Choir



Carol G. Schoen
2 years
•University of Michigan,
Purdue University
•Guidance Counselor
•National Junior Honor
Society



Richard B. Shanley
2 years
•Indiana University
•7th grade World
History, 8th grade
U.S. History
•Social Studies
Academic Team
•Assistant Football
Coach



Beverly Sheldon
29 years
•Indiana State University
•Librarian
•Freshman Class Sponsor



Pamela J. Smith
9 years
•Purdue University
•7th grade Language
Arts, 8th grade Literature
•M. S. Yearbook, M. S.
Newspaper, M. S.
Student Council



John A. Sorota
32 years
•St. Joseph's College,
Marquette University,
Illinois Institute of
Technology, Purdue
University Calumet
•Physics, SAT Math,
Pre-Calculus, Physical
Science
•Physics Club



Bruce W. Stewart
1 year
•Attendance Officer
•Assistant Girls
Basketball Coach,
Assistant Softball
Coach



Elaine J. Thrall
9 years
•Ball State University,
Purdue University
•H. S. Foods, H. S.
Clothing, M. S. Home
Economics



Sara E. Vine
6 years
•Butler University
•6th grade Language
Arts, 6th grade Social
Studies
•J. V. Girls Basketball
Coach



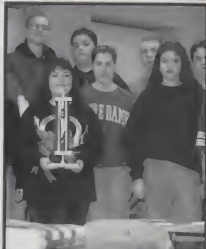
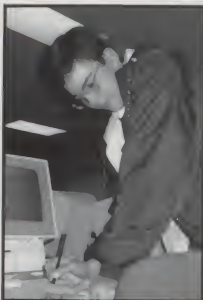
Ronald G. Vrabel
26 years
•Indiana State University
•U. S. History, Current
Problems
•H. S. Student Council

Linda J. Wilson
4 years
•Principal's Secretary
•Freshman Cheerleading Coach

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A C T I V I T I E S





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Academic Team

*Four teams place
at regionals*

● By Joan Musak

Whiting's academic team has once again given Whiting High School a good name at the Wheeler Invitational. The team faced off against schools from all over the region. They got to practice their academic skills earlier at the Munster Invitational where they competed against other schools in the area. This meet, however, was only practice and had no bearing on the team's stance at Wheeler.

At Wheeler, both social studies and interdisciplinary placed second, while fine arts and science placed third.

"I think that the teams did really well," senior **Aimee Gollnick** said. "More teams should have placed though."

Along with these teams, math and English also competed at the competition. Although no teams scored high enough to qualify for the state competition, all of the teams deserve recognition for their hard work and dedication.



•The 1996-97 Academic Team.

•A few seniors take a final look over their materials before competition.



•Senior Mauricio Rosendo reviews before competing.

•Sophomores Robert Hobson and Nicole Protolipac take a break from their studying.



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Ind. Tech. Club

Club tours factory

• By Joan Musak

• Club members gather outside of LTV Steel before touring a section of the steel-making factory.

Students that are taking or have previously taken any classes in the field of industrial technology, such as graphics, CAD CAM, woods, drafting, metals, etc., are eligible to join the Industrial Technology Club.

The club's main activity is the annual trip to LTV Steel, a steel factory. Here students get a sample of the kind of labor an industrial worker does.

"I learned a lot about what kind of work is involved in the steel making industry," junior **Ryan Zurek** said. "I'm glad that we got the chance to tour the factory."

The Industrial Club is responsible for the Oiler "victory" bell. A few club members are sent on the football field during home games to ring the bell everytime the team scores a touchdown. This bell is also a part of the the club's Homecoming float.



• The 1996-97 Industrial Technology Club.

• Industrial Technology Club officers: President Josh Noojin, Vice President Andres Casillas, Secretary/Treasurer Nick Dado.



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Booster Club

Assemblies, signs, spirit highlight club action

● By Kathy Fisher

The Booster Club plays an important role in many of the events at Whiting High School.

The Booster Club, for instance, is responsible for the Homecoming dance and assembly. It must also make sure there are spirit signs in the halls or on lockers.

Through its efforts this year, spirit decor was provided for the Homecoming dance, semistate football game, Valentine's Day basketball game, and locker signs for both the baseball and softball games against Clark. The club also provided locker signs for the wrestlers competing in regionals and the academic team.

Sophomore **Tammy Fisher** said the club finished the year on a high note.

"It was productive at the end of the year," Fisher said. "But we should have started off better."

Many club members believed the year was successful; however, with more help and support, the job of promoting school spirit would have been easier on everyone.

"I felt that it was quite a productive year," sophomore **Nicole Protolipac** said. "But the support could have been better."

• Top left, First Semester Officers: **Mauricio Rosendo**, President; **Holly Kosalko**, Vice President; **Lisa Zubeck**, Secretary; **Eileen Stahura**, Treasurer; **Tiffany Sanchez** and **Jayson Knazur**, Activity Directors.

• Top right, Second Semester Officers (bottom-top), President **Liz Martinez**, Vice President **Nicole Protolipac**, Secretaries **Tammy Fisher** and **Shannon Hemm**, Treasurer **Jayson Knazur**, Activity Directors **Tiffany Sanchez** and **Kathy Fisher**.

• Left, The 1996-1997 Whiting High School Booster Club.



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German Club

Die Bier Stube macht spass fuer alle

Selling advent calendars and going to Die Bier Stube are the two activities the German Club participates in each year.

The weather for the trip was overcast, as it seems to always be each year. But it didn't affect the enthusiasm of the students who attended the trip.

Many students felt the trip was very beneficial. "I had a lot of fun," junior **Mandy Meyers** said. "I liked the older style shops."

The atmosphere of a small German cafe was felt by everybody. The authentic food added to the affect.

"The food was good," senior **Jayson Knazur** said. "I enjoyed the culture."

Overall, the year went well. The calendars sold well and Die Bier Stube was fun.

●By Kathy Fisher

**'The food was good. I
enjoyed the culture.'**

-- Jayson Knazur, senior



• Above, Jayson Knazur, Beth Dybel, and Mandy Meyers enjoy the surroundings at Die Bier Stube.

• Left top, German Club Officers: Secretary Mandy Meyers, Treasurer Jackie Matejko, President Tom Legg, Vice President Tiffany Svitko.

• The 1996-1997 Whiting High School German Club.



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Class Officers

Students take on leadership role

Class Officers. Who are they? Well they are a group of students chosen from each grade to represent that Class. One of their many responsibilities includes leading the discussion at meetings.

"I think we had a very good year," Secretary of the Junior Class **Mandy Meyers** said. "Each Class did their part by participating."

They are people worthy to be admired and people who will remember when . . .

● By Robert Hobson



• Above, Freshmen Class Officers: Vice President Michelle Kobli, President Natalie Yzaguirre, Class Sponsor Miss Sheldon, Secretary Jennie Matuska, and Treasurer Jackie Benko.

• Below, Junior Class Officers: (right to left) President Margaret Edge, Vice President Tiffany Svitko, Secretary Mandy Meyers, Treasurer Eileen Stahura, and Class Sponsor Mrs. Baxter.



• Above, Sophomore Class Officers: President Hether Buranosky, Vice President Robert Hobson, Secretary Nicole Protolipac, Treasurer Shawn Turpin, and Class Sponsor Mrs. Mindas.

• Below, Senior Class Officers: Class Sponsor Mr. Adkins, Treasurer Melissa Adkins, President Jayson Knazur, Vice President Lisa Zubeck, and Secretary Mauricio Rosendo.



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Student Council

WHS students lead way for school events

Have you seen someone collecting clothes for our annual clothing drive, or been asked to participate in our annual blood drive? Chances are that you are talking to one of the members of our Student Council.

These students are selected by the student body to represent them, as well as to lead various programs here at school.

"I like to be involved in school, so Student Council President is something that I've wanted to do since I was a freshman," Student Council President **Melissa Adkins** said. "I like having a say in what goes on in the school, as well as getting to plan and be involved in the projects that the Student Council is involved in."

All of the students involved in the Council participate in various activities and are a source of esteem for the school as well as the student body.

These students who are dedicated enough to join and support the activities of the Student Council it will give them something to remember when . . .

● By Robert Hobson



• Above, The 1996-97 Student Council Officers: President **Melissa Adkins**, Vice President **Heather Trojnar**, Treasurer **Mauricio Rosendo**, and Secretary **Barbara Maleckar**.

• Below, Junior **Brett Jennings** gives blood in our Student Council's annual Blood Drive.



• 1996-97 Student Council: (Back Row) **Liz Fetsis**, **Mandy Meyers**, **Margaret Edge**, **Katie Farmer**, **Maury Raycroft**, **Jimmy Edge**, **Mandy Blastick**. (Front Row) **Melissa Adkins**, **Heather Trojnar**, **Mauricio Rosendo**, **Barbara Maleckar**, **Aimee Gollnick**, **Jayson Knazur**, and **Joseph Markovich**.



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National Honor Society

Academic excellence nationally rewarded

From the clothing drive to the ceremony to honor the new members, our National Honor Society has been actively involved in trying to better our school.

Becoming a part of this elite group composed of the brightest and hardest working Whiting High School students is a goal for any dedicated student to achieve.

During the school year, a select group of teachers convene to discuss who will be elected into this year's National Honor Society.

This group of teachers are selected at random and the names are kept secret throughout the process. A new panel is selected each year.

Once chosen for this supreme honor, a student goes through an induction ceremony.

"I felt honored to be selected to be a member of the society," said junior and new member **Mandy Meyers**.

This honor is something very important that many will remember when . . .

● By Robert Hobson

1996-97 National Honor Society

Members

Melissa Adkins - President
Heather Trojnar - Vice President
Aimee Gollnick - Secretary
Barbara Maleckar - Treasurer
Joseph Markovich - Sergeant-at-Arms

Rachel Morgan
Therese Shebish
Lisa Zubeck

Inductees

Senior

Lisa Banaszak

Juniors

Margaret Edge
Kathleen Fisher
Alex Green
Gregory Gulvas
Philip Harris
Holly Kosalko
Jacqueline Matejko
Mandy Meyers
Joan Musak
Juan Rosendo
Eileen Stahura



• 1996-97 National Honor Society: Back Row (left to right), Juan Rosendo, Margaret Edge, Alex Green, Philip Harris, Mandy Meyers. Row Four: Kathy Fisher, Greg Gulvas, Holly Kosalko, Eileen Stahura, Jackie Matejko. Row Three: Lisa Banaszak, Joseph Markovich, Lisa Zubeck. Row Two: Heather Trojnar, Rachel Morgan, Therese Shebish, Aimee Gollnick. Front Row: Melissa Adkins, and Barbara Maleckar.



• National Honor Society Officers: President Melissa Adkins, Vice President Heather Trojnar, Secretary Aimee Gollnick, Treasurer Barbara Maleckar, and Sergeant-at-Arms Joe Markovich.

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"W" Club

Club recognizes student athletes

● By Robert Hobson

Academics play an important role at Whiting High School. However, students also learn the benefits of teamwork and dedication by being a part of an athletic team.

The "W" Club, sponsored by Mr. Rebey, honors those students who not only have competed in a sport, but have excelled far enough to receive a letter.

"This year the goal of the "W" Club was to get the numbers back up," President **Joe Flores** said. "Hopefully next year we'll be a lot more active."

With the majority of the "W" Club members being juniors, it is very likely that the "W" Club will be able to prosper and fulfill its purposes.

Even though you may not remember all the scores to all the games, with star athletes like these, it would be hard not to remember when . . .



• The 1996-97 "W" Club Officers Above, (right to left) President **Joe Flores**, Secretary **J.R. Ford**, and Vice President **Greg Gulvas**.



• The 1996-97 "W" Club Members: Back Row: (left to right) Mr. Rebey, **J.J. Furto**, **Mike Toth**, **Eileen Stahura**, **Liz Fetsis**, **Kim Mikulski**, **Nick McNinch**, **Harvey Cox**, and **Mark Koval**. Front Row: (left to right) **Greg Gulvas**, **Shawn Roberts**, **Joe Flores**, **Brett Jennings**, **J.R. Ford**, and **George Kollintzas**.



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Spanish Club

*Students enjoy
learning culture*

As always this year's Cinco de Mayo celebration, made possible by the WHS Spanish Club, was nothing less than spectacular.

The day's festivities began at 11:55AM in the girls' gym with WHS students enjoying delicious Mexican food. Seniors served up tacos, sopes, Mexican rice, chimichangas, and much more.

"The tacos were good," senior **Mauricio Rosendo** said. "They were better than last year."

● By Tiffany Amber Sanchez

Later, the day continued with games, an authentic Mariachi band, the crowning of the King and Queen, and fun fun fun. This year's King and Queen were senior **Andres Casillas** and sophomore **Sandra Fernandez**. Casillas was also the winner of the Annual Refried Bean Eating Contest for the third consecutive year.

A grant of \$100 was given to junior **Holly Kosalko** for her seven-week stay in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, which

will begin on June 9. During her stay in Mexico, Kosalko will attend classes, become part of a Mexican family, and live life just like the average teenager living in Mexico.

This year's Cinco de Mayo celebration was also a little more educational. The fourth-year Spanish Class put on a play to help other students attending the Cinco de Mayo Celebration understand what this special day is all about.

Needless to say, Cinco de Mayo was a huge success.



- Left, Mrs. Mindas helps Mrs. Klochan by preparing the food for the feast.
- Right, The 1996-97 Spanish Club officers. Left to right: President George Kollintzas, Vice President Eric Casillas, Secretary Brandy Garcia, and Treasurer Paul Strabavy.
- Below, The 1996-97 WHS Spanish Club members.



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S.A.D.D. Club

Students laugh,
learn to say no

● By Tiffany Amber Sanchez

Thousands of people die each year as a result of drinking and driving. Students who joined S.A.D.D. Club, or Students Against Driving Drunk, sponsored by Mrs. Lemon, wanted to make sure Whiting High School students know this doesn't have to happen.

This year The S.A.D.D. Club was fortunate to get comedian **Craig Tornquist** to come in and demonstrate to students how drugs and alcohol can interfere with your dreams. Tornquist had a very impor-

tant message to give to WHS students: "Drinking alcohol and doing drugs will get you no where."

This assembly was different than any other assembly at Whiting. There was even a Big Hair Queen Competition in which five girls had their stylist tease their hair and add as much as 12 ounces of hair spray. The contestants' hair was judged on height, circumference, diameter, but most importantly, audience applause. **Mr. Laub**, minus much of his own hair, was chosen to judge the

contest because he could be impartial in his decision of the winner. The competition was won by senior **Jennifer Walsko**.

"I thought the Big Hair Queen Competition was hilarious," sophomore **Amanda Biagi** said. "It was great to see people I know doing something like that, and it seemed like they weren't embarrassed."

Some wonderful advice given to Tornquist by comedian **David Letterman**: "Keep your act clean and never give up!"



- Left, Craig Tornquist pokes fun at the absence of Mr. Laub's hair.
- Right, Tornquist sings the Big Hair Queen anthem to senior Jennifer Walsko, winner of the Big Hair Queen Contest.



- Far right, The 1996-97 WHS S.A.D.D. Club officers. From left to right: Vice President Missy Adkins, President Jayson Knazur, Treasurer Kathy Fisher. Not pictured: Secretary Joan Musak.
- Right, The 1996-97 WHS S.A.D.D. Club members.



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F.B.L.A.

Preparing for the future

● By Brandy Garcia

This year some of the active Future Business Leaders Of America members were chosen to go to Indianapolis for the F.B.L.A. State Leadership Conference.

"I felt the trip was very educational," junior **Kathy Fisher** said. "We all learned how competitive the real world can be. It also helped everyone there get to know each other a little better. We even made a few more friends."

Senior **Jayson Knazur** agreed.

"By attending this trip it allowed myself along with the other F.B.L.A. members to meet each other and have fun," he said. "The trip taught us about responsibility and, for that, I felt it was very worthwhile and educational."



• The 1996-97 F.B.L.A. Club members--top left Maury Raycroft, Jayson Knazur, Jason Davidson, and Jim Weller. Second row: Robert Hobson Jennifer Walsko, Katie Farmer, and Melissa Adkins. Third row: Sandra Fernandez and Brandy Garcia. Fourth row: Susy Perez and Kathy Fisher.



• F.B.L.A. officers: President Jayson Knazur, Vice President Brandy Garcia, Treasurer Robert Hobson, and Secretary Sandra Fernandez.

• F.B.L.A. members work the concession stand to raise money throughout the school year.



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Physics Club

Work and play rolled into one

● By Tiffany Amber Sanchez

It may not seem like your idea of a good time, but being in the Physics Club here at WHS can actually be pretty fun.

One of the many things that the Physics Club did this year was take a field trip to Six Flags Great America. The field trip served a purpose and was not taken just for fun. While in the park, students had to apply the principles they learned in Physics class to the rides.

"We had to use the principles of Physics to solve the various problems dealing with the rides there," senior **Melissa Adkins** said. "Even though I did have to do some work, it was fun."

While some people may view the Physics Club as unnecessary, you can learn and have fun at the same time in this club.

See, it's not that boring!



- Above, The 1996-97 Physics Club members. Row one: Melissa Adkins and sponsor Mr. Sorota. Row two: Barbara Maleckar, Mauricio Rosendo, and Heather Trojnar. Row three: Joe Markovich, Kevin Puhek, and Alex Green.
- Left, The 1996-97 Physics Club officers. Left to right: Sergeant @ Arms Mauricio Rosendo, Treasurer Alex Green, Secretary Barbara Maleckar, Vice President Heather Trojnar, and President Joe Markovich.

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Art Club

Creativity enhanced by student members

The Art Club year after year is typically one of the largest in student enrollment at Whiting High School.

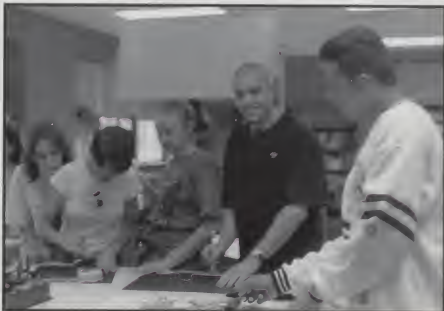
Many of the students in the club, sponsored by **Mrs. Mindas**, also take art class during the school year, and this combination tends to bring out creativity and careful planning of future projects. However, the club does not require students to be skilled in art, instead, catering more to beginners who have an interest in art.

During the course of the school year, club members sell pizza specials in order to earn a field trip to the Art Institute in Chicago. Another highlight of being a club member is that he or she is also treated to a free lunch at Planet Hollywood.

● By The Reflector Staff



- Above, freshman Carlos Munoz designs a poster.
- Top, senior Jennifer Walsko works on a project.
- Right, several sophomore students combine their efforts on a class project.



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ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

Students clean environment

● By Brandy Garcia

In its second year the Whiting High School Environmental Club was a great success!

The club held meetings during lunch and occasionally after school. The club was also in charge of picking up and putting out the recycling bins. The club is designed to promote school and community pride, provide an environmental education site, and offer a natural environment for groups to meet.

"I joined the environmental club to help take care of the environment," sophomore **Jorge Rodriguez** said.



• The 1996-97 Environmental Club members

• Senior Jayson Knazur, as part of an Environmental Club activity, cleans up after Whiting High School's Homecoming celebration.

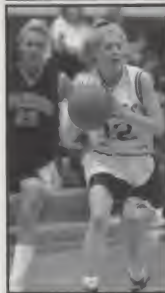


• The 1996-97 Environmental Club officers are Presidents Joseph Flores and Amanda Marrs, Vice Presidents Barbie Maleckar and Mike Toth, and Secretary Eileen Stahura and Treasurer Holly Kosalko.



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Volleyball

Injuries take toll on Oilers in 11-16 season

With perspiration and dedication this year's Lady Oilers varsity volleyball team struggled through the season. Numerous injuries right from the start hurt the team.

When asked, how the injuries affected the season, junior **Eileen Stahura** said, "I believe the injuries caused us to start off slow. The team, as a whole, wasn't at 100 percent until far too late in the season. As soon as one player was back on the court, another one would go down."

'I believe the injuries caused us to start off slow. The team, as a whole, wasn't at 100 percent until too late in the season.'

-- Eileen Stahura, junior

The Lady Oilers ended up with a record of 11-16 and they were 3-6 in the Lake Ten Conference. Hardwork, patience, and the ability to do their best is what made them winners. They won some and lost some, but the important thing was how they played as a team.

•Bottom to Top, Row 1: Tami Legg, Eileen Stahura, Amanda Marrs Row 2: Sarah Makis, Elizabeth Fetsis, Coach Knazur, Jackie Benko, Jessica Moskalick Row 3: Adrienne DeLuna, Aimmee Gollnick Row 4: Lisa Bayless, Captain Kelly Vaughn.

•Freshman Jackie Benko gets down and passes the volleyball.

•By Lisa Bayless



•Our very own sophomore Jessica Moskalick gets a full block.



1996-1997 Varsity Volleyball

SEASON RESULTS

Merrillville L
Lake Station L
Lew Wallace W
Whiting Tourney
Gavit L
Highland L
E.C. Central W

Wheeler L
E.C. Central W
Hammond* W
Griffith* L
Clark* L
Griffith Tourney
Griffith L
Hanover L
Gary Wirt W

Highland* L
Morton* W
Bishop Noll* L
Westside W
Munster* L
Lake Central L
Gavit* L
Roosevelt W
Calumet* W
Hanover W
Horace Mann W
Wash. Twp. L
Sectionals
Bishop Noll L

Overall Record 11-16

*Lake Ten Conference 3-6

Sectionals 0-1



•Junior Eileen Stahura thinks "KILL" as she spikes the ball.

•While senior Lisa Bayless gets ready to serve, freshman Jackie Benko and junior Eileen Stahura are ready to play defense.



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Football

Oilers make history

• By Lisa Zubeck

The Whiting varsity football team completed the regular season 4-4. But it was in the playoffs where the Oilers had their greatest success.

Whiting captured the Sectional and Regional championships to culminate an historical season.

"I was happy that we won the Sectional championship and proud of everyone's effort," said sophomore **Paul Strabavy**.

The winning streak did not stop there. The Oilers continued to plow their way through South Adams to win the Regional title.

"When playoff season comes around, it's a whole new level and you have to turn up the intensity, that's why we were able to win Sectionals and Regionals, and it felt great knowing that you're the only team to ever win a Regional championship in Whiting's history," said senior captain **Joe Holtrop**.

Moving on to the Semistate game, the Oilers were beyond pumped up. They fought strongly throughout the whole game, but unfortunately, Carroll won the battle 48-7. Even though the team did not go as far as they dreamed, they gave it their all. Positively, everyone from Whiting is "proud to be an Oiler!"

The Champs!

• Seniors **Joe Holtrop** (left) and **Paul Swider** celebrate after the Whiting varsity football team captured the Class A Regional Championship -- the school's first-ever title.



- The 1996 Whiting Oiler varsity football team



- Coach Cain (top) is happier than ever after another Whiting victory!

- Paul Strabavy was the featured runningback in the Oilers' offense. The sophomore led the team in rushing and touchdowns scored.

1996 Varsity Football SEASON RESULTS

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| @R. FOREST | W | 20-16 |
| S. CENTRAL | W | 34-00 |
| @Benton Cent. | L | 09-18 |
| @L. STAT. | W | 41-20 |
| CALUMET* | W | 40-00 |
| Gavit* | L | 14-35 |
| @Griffith* | L | 18-42 |
| @Clark* | L | 14-37 |

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| @S. NEWTON | W | 07-00 |
| TRI-COUNTY | W | 32-14 |

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| S. ADAMS | W | 12-07 |
|----------|---|-------|

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|----------|---|-------|
| @Carroll | L | 07-48 |
|----------|---|-------|

Overall Record (7-5)
Lake 10* Record (1-3)



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Cross Country

Team shows improvement

The cross country team had a very successful year. Despite their losing season, they topped past performances by a large margin.

For the first time in years, there were enough runners to fill both boys and girls teams, plus runners for J.V.

"We had more runners than Whiting's had in a long time," said junior **Greg Gulvas**.

Coach Dan Nichols took over the cross country program this year and proved to be a source of motivation for the team.

"We had a great coach who completely turned the program around for us," said Gulvas. "I'm looking forward to next year and I expect an even better season."

• By Joan Musak



• Sophomore **Ben DeBolt** leads the team in the race to the finish.

• Senior **Nicole DeBolt** stretches before the Clark Invitational.

• Freshman **Paul Furto** pushes himself to the end.





• Junior, Jeannie Fusner tries for a ribbon for the girl's team.



• 1996 Cross Country Team: Front Row (left to right), Leon Leckavicius, Nicole DeBold, Nicole Protolipac, Paul Furto, Joe Flores, George Kollintzas, Greg Gulvas, Jeannie Fusner, and Eric Casillas. Back Row (left to right), Coach Dan Nichols, Jim Turner, Ben DeBold, Mauricio Rosendo, Nick McNinch, Mark Koval, Frank Skiba, Jared Hobson, Juan Rosendo, and Randy Garcia. Not pictured : Shannon Hemm, Shawn Roberts, Anthony White, Jim Trepacz, and Nick Dahm



• Junior Nick McNinch goes for a strong start.

• Junior, Greg Gulvas prepares his body to race at Dowling Park.

1996 Cross Country SEASON RESULTS

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|-----------------|------------|
| Calumet* | L |
| Gavit* | L |
| Hammond High* | L |
| Bishop Noll* | L |
| Morton* | L |
| Calumet | L |
| Highland* | L |
| Munster* | L |
| CALUMET | W |
| LAKE STATION | W |
| Griffith* | L |
| Clark* | L |
| CALUMET | W |
| M.C. MARQUETTE | W |
| Clark Invite | 11th of 17 |
| RIVER FOREST | W |
| Conference Meet | 9th of 10 |
| Sectional Meet | 11th of 12 |

Overall Record (5-10)
Conference Record (0-9)

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Girls Basketball

*Oilers experience
difficult season*

Only having three returning seniors, Whiting's varsity girls' basketball team was not looking forward to an easy season.

The girls struggled all season, and as the season was coming to an end there was a fear, not only in the minds of the players but also the fans and **Coch** **Laub**, that the girls would not have a victory all season.

That fear nearly became a reality with only five games left in the season, and the Oilers were still winless.

But with one game remaining in the regular season, Whiting stopped the drought with a dramatic victory over LaCrosse to finish 1-18 on the season.



- Senior Nicole DeBold dribbles down the court.
- Seniors Kelly Vaughn, Nicole DeBold and junior Liz Fetsis await the start of the game.

● By Rachel Lyons



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•Senior Kelly Vaught takes time out of her practice for a picture.

• Teammates get each other fired up before a big game.



1996-97 Varisty Girls Basketball Season Results

| | |
|----------------|---------|
| Boone Grove | L 11-46 |
| @Gavit | L 37-50 |
| Highland | L 23-66 |
| Wash. Twp | L 31-51 |
| @Clark | L 44-47 |
| Munster | L 29-60 |
| @Lake Station | L 25-41 |
| @Hammond | L 41-42 |
| @Westville | L 32-59 |
| Bishop Noll | L 35-63 |
| @M.C Marquette | L 30-52 |
| Clark | L 34-38 |
| @E.C Central | L 22-63 |
| Morton | L 42-58 |
| North Newton | L 28-57 |
| @Calumet | L 48-50 |
| @Griffith | L 28-45 |
| LA CROSSE | W 45-43 |

Sectionals

Hammond L 38-54

Overall Record 1-18

Conference Record 0-9



(STANDING) Tami Legg, Kelly Vaught, Melissa Applegate, Liz Fetsis, Nicole DeBold (KNEELING) Thespena Kollintzas, Angela Lopez, Michelle Kobli, Liz Toth

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Boys Varsity Basketball

Coach changes Whiting 'style'

● By Robert Hobson

Many people feel that success can only be obtained by winning in state, or having a winning season. However success also takes into account the determination and work a team puts into trying at a sport.

The Whiting High School varsity boys basketball team had a very successful season, even though they didn't come out with a winning record. They worked hard and were determined and that's what really matters.

"People need to realize that a winning and losing season isn't everything. The players on the team have gotten so much better from last season," said sophomore **David Verta**, a starting forward for the Oilers.

While trying to recover from a streak of losing seasons, and trying to adjust to a new coach, the team has had many obstacles to overcome to become the team they are. They not only had to struggle through not having

class sports again this year, but had to adjust to the new strategy put forth by new **Coach Bob Buscher**.

"They (Coach Buscher and **Coach Lenz**) taught me and the rest of the team so much this year," Verta said. "We all learned what discipline is."

"Each player and the team as a whole improved," Coach Buscher said. "We need to commit to getting stronger and playing daily this summer."

The highlight of the season for the new coach was the win and the sectional game. "We competed for four quarters; it showed that we had improved during this season."

With a team like this, full of stars, you will definitely remember when. . .



• Eric Casillas (top) drives past the defending guard to score two points for the Oilers.

• Brett Buscher (left) slams the ball over an opposing player.

• Coach Buscher (right) celebrates as Whiting wins against North Newton.

•1996-97 Varsity Boys Basketball team(left to right) standing: Coach Buscher, David Verta, Brett Buscher, John Kontrik, Asst. Coach Lenz, Asst. Coach Filipek. (left to right) kneeling: Eric Casillas, Greg Gulvas, Brett Jennings, Joe Balind, Nick McNinch, Jesse Gonzalez.



•Below: Sophomore David Verta takes out his opponent to go to the hoop for two points.



1996-97 Varsity Boys Basketball

SEASON RESULTS

| | | |
|---------------------------|---|-------|
| @Morton | L | 47-61 |
| Westville | L | 35-57 |
| Highland | L | 32-53 |
| Holiday Tournament @Clark | | |
| Clark | L | 32-55 |
| Morton | L | 40-73 |

| | | |
|-----------------|---|-------|
| @WRV | L | 37-67 |
| Culver Military | L | 40-56 |
| @Gavit | L | 54-64 |
| Griffith | L | 49-74 |
| @Bishop Noll | L | 48-76 |
| N. NEWTON | W | 49-48 |
| Clark | L | 47-62 |
| Lake Station | L | 32-47 |
| @Munster | L | 41-89 |
| @M.C. Marquette | L | 72-81 |
| Hammond | L | 38-81 |
| @River Forest | L | 44-58 |
| @Wash. Twp. | L | 56-64 |
| Calumet | L | 42-57 |
| @Hanover | L | 67-88 |
| Sectionals | | |
| BYE | | |
| Bishop Noll | L | 48-61 |

| | |
|------------|--------|
| Sectionals | (0-1) |
| Lake 10 | (0-9) |
| Overall | (1-20) |

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Wrestling

Four wrestlers go to regionals

● By Joan Musak

The 1996-97 varsity wrestling season ended at the regional competition with four wrestlers, seniors **Mike Wenglarz** and **Dan Lakes**; and juniors **Josh Noojin** and **James Ford**, advancing from the sectional level.

The team's record of 3-17 doesn't justly show the amount of work that went into this year's season.

"I think that we (the team) worked really hard this year," Noojin said.

The Oilers remained winless up until a mid-season triple dual match where they defeated Gary West Side, 42-36. The team also beat Bishop Noll and Morton.

Overall, the season, although not a winning season, was successful.

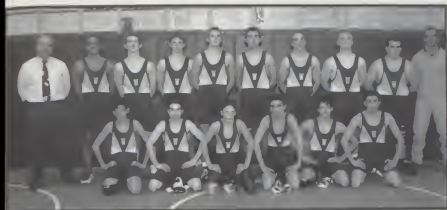
"I think that we did really good this year, though our record doesn't show it," said junior **Joe Flores**.

Only three members of the team are graduating seniors, so next year's team looks to be a promising group of experienced wrestlers.



- Junior Mark Koval struggles to gain the advantage.
- Junior Frank Villalon fights for a victory.





• 1996-97 Wrestling Team:
Front Row (left to right), Mike Hartmond, Frank Villalon, Jeremy Furto, Joe Flores, Dan Lakes, and Erbey Solis. Back Row (left to right), Coach Bill Rebey, Andres Casillas, Josh Noojin, Ed White, Mark Koval, Mike Toth, Mike Wenglarz, Jay Deel, James Ford, and Coach Ben Rebey.

• Sophomore Jay Deel holds down his opponent for a pin.



1996-97 Varsity Wrestling SEASON RESULTS

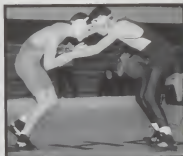
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| T.F. South | L | 06-69 |
| Morgan Park | L | 11-45 |
| St. Francis DeSales | L | 26-36 |
| River Forest | L | 21-57 |
| North Newton | L | 30-52 |
| Boone Grove | L | 29-54 |
| Griffith | L | 06-72 |
| Munster | L | 03-66 |
| Highland | L | 18-61 |
| Hammond High | L | 31-40 |
| T.F. South Invite | | 5th of 10 |
| Clark | L | 30-48 |
| WEST SIDE | W | 42-36 |
| Hanover | L | 30-43 |
| BISHOP NOLL | W | 48-27 |
| MORTON | W | 51-22 |
| Calumet | L | 00-79 |
| Gavit | L | 03-66 |

Conference Tournament 10th of 10

Sectionals 4th of 4
First- Josh Noojin; Second- James Ford, Dan Lakes, Mike Wenglarz

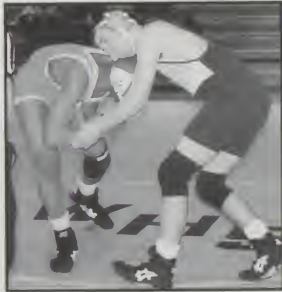
Regionals
All eliminated first round

Overall Record (3-14)
Conference Record (2-8)



• Sophomore Jeremy Furto looks for the perfect time to shoot.

• Junior Mike Toth tries to hold off his opponent.



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Softball

*It may be softball, but
WHS plays 'hard' ball*

● By Nick Heeringa

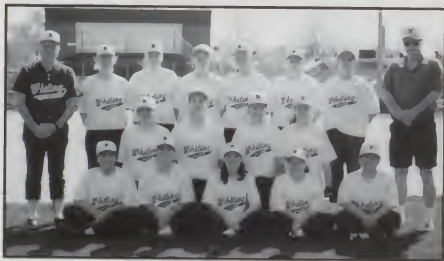
This year's Whiting High School softball team, under Coach Laub, had a great season. The Oilers finished with a 13-10 record because of their excellent teamwork and great coaching. All of the players made key contributions on both the offensive and defensive sides of the field. The team had some great games, including two come-from-behind victories against Chicago Washington and Lake Station.

"This season was great," sophomore Tiffany Sanchez said. "I didn't play much, but it was just as fun cheering the other girls on."

With only one player graduating and a promising new freshmen class returning, next year looks even better for the Oilers.



- Above, junior Melissa Applegate tries to get on base.
- Right, freshman Jackie Benko.
- Below, the 1997 Whiting softball team.





• Above, sophomore Jessica Moskalick gets ready defensively from her centerfield position.

• Top left, junior Melissa Applegate makes a play on an opponent from Clark.

1996-1997 Girls Softball SEASON RESULTS

| | | |
|---------------|---|-------|
| @CLARK | W | 14-1 |
| @Highland | L | 10-1 |
| M.C.MARQUETTE | W | 6-5 |
| M.C.MARQUETTE | W | 11-6 |
| Morton | L | 15-5 |
| @HAMMOND | W | 9-7 |
| Wheeler | L | 5-0 |
| @KV | L | 17-0 |
| CLARK | W | 11-1 |
| GRIFFITH | W | |
| @CALUMET | W | 11-1 |
| @N. Newton | L | 2-1 |
| MUNSTER | W | |
| S. CENTRAL | W | |
| CW | W | 7-5 |
| @Bishop Noll | L | 5-2 |
| WASH. TWP. | W | |
| GAVIT | W | 5-1 |
| LS | L | 3-4 |
| Morton | L | 14-4 |
| RIVER FOREST | W | 18-0 |
| ECC | L | |
| @Hebron | L | 19-18 |

Overall Record (13-10)



• Above, junior Patty Rodriguez prepares to tag up and advance to second base.

• Right, senior pitcher Kelly Vaught warms up before the big game.



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Tennis

Numerous changes fire up tennis team

The 1997 version of this year's Whiting varsity girl's tennis team was forced to overcome plenty of adversity and change during the course of the year.

Despite these difficulties, the Oilers achieved great success this year, finishing with a 10-9 record. Also, individually, senior **Lisa Banaszak** advanced to the Highland Regional at No. 1 singles.

"I was really excited to advance to regionals," Banaszak said. "But in a way, I was sad because it was my last match with my teammates."

One of the new changes was the addition of Miss Raycroft as the team's new head coach. Also, the Oilers played several home matches at Whiting Park, marking the first time this had been done. Previously, Whiting had played all of its matches on the road.

Evidently, the future looks bright for tennis at Whiting High School.

● By Heather Trojnar



•Top, Katie Hayes, Liz Fetis and Lisa Banaszak prepare their game faces before the match.

• Above, sophomore Angela Lopez.

• Left, junior Eileen Stahura.



• Left, No. 1 singles player Lisa Banaszak makes a backhand play on a ball in a match earlier in the season.

• Bottom, senior singles player Heather Trojnar uses a forehand shot to score against her opponent.



• Above, The 1997 Whiting Varsity Tennis Team. Top row standing: Angela Lopez, Aimee Gollnick, Liz Fetis, and Katie Hayes. Bottom row kneeling: Coach Loretta Raycroft, Lisa Banaszak, Eileen Stahura, and Heather Trojnar.

• Right, Liz Fetis serves an ace to her opponent.



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Baseball

Team improves on last year's record

• By Joan Musak

• The 1997 Whiting varsity baseball team.

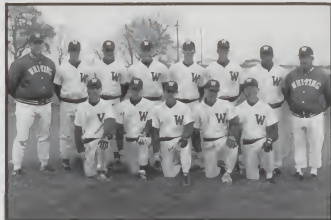
This year's baseball team was determined not to have a repeat of last year's 1-29 record. Although the team still didn't come out with a winning record, it increased the amount of wins to seven.

In the season opener against Hanover Central, sophomore Jay Deel hit a two-run homer to put Whiting on the board for the first time this season. The Oilers defeated the Wildcats, 19-6. The team also defeated Lew Wallace, Calumet, Hebron, Horace Mann, and Westville.

The Oilers faced the Gavitt Gladiators in the sectional round where they were defeated, 11-2.

Although a record of 7-22 is not that impressive, it shows that the Oilers were not willing to give up. The team's hard work and determination made this a successful season.

"The team worked really well together," said junior **Greg Gulvas**. "We showed a lot of teamwork."



- Sophomore Jason Deel throws out a runner attempting to steal secondbase.
- Sophomore Anthony Dumezich shows his power.



- Junior Mike Nagy puts the quick tag on a baserunner.
- Strike Three!!! Junior Joe Balind wiffs another batter.



1997 Varsity Baseball SEASON RESULTS

| | | |
|----------------------|---|-------|
| @HANOVER CENTRAL | W | 19-06 |
| @Valparaiso | L | 01-11 |
| Clark | L | 07-11 |
| LEW WALLACE | W | 11-02 |
| Bishop Noll | L | 03-08 |
| @Morton | L | 01-11 |
| E.C. Central | L | 01-03 |
| E.C. Central | L | 07-19 |
| @Munster | L | 02-10 |
| Hammond High | L | 01-07 |
| Gavit | L | 00-19 |
| @CALUMET | W | 07-04 |
| @Clark | L | 02-12 |
| @Highland | L | 00-10 |
| Morton | L | 00-07 |
| South Central | L | 03-04 |
| Munster | L | 04-09 |
| @Bishop Noll | L | 04-14 |
| @Griffith | L | 04-05 |
| @Hammond High | L | 01-07 |
| @Gavit | L | 01-08 |
| CALUMET | W | 06-01 |
| Griffith | L | 05-13 |
| HEBRON | W | 11-03 |
| Highland | L | 00-04 |
| HORACE MANN | W | 11-00 |
| WESTVILLE | W | 02-00 |
| @Washington Township | L | 06-07 |

Sectionals:

| | | |
|-------|---|-------|
| Gavit | L | 02-11 |
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Overall Record (7-22)

Conference Record (2-14)

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Golf

Team gets better
as year goes by

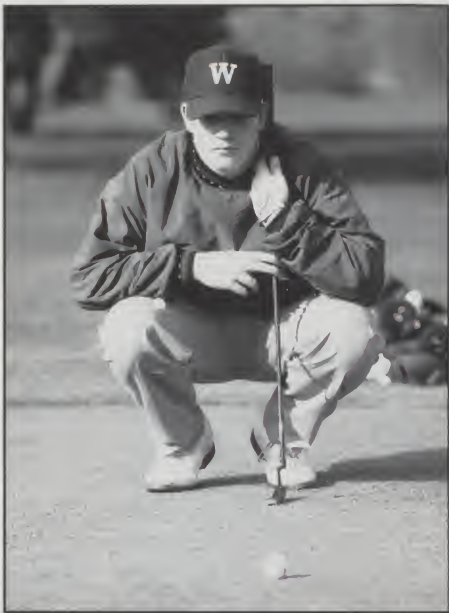
● By Michelle Miller

This year's golf team got off to a slow start, but they still believed they were successful.

"Even though we only won two season matches, I think we were still successful because we tried our hardest," senior **Joe Holtrop** said. "With a little more practice we could've done better."

The golf team had a bad start at the beginning of the season, but toward the end, the Oilers won both of their matches against Gary Wirt to finish with a record of 2-16.

Next year the golf team hopes to win more matches, and they plan to practice more often.



- Above, junior Brett Jennings lines up his putt on the 18th hole at Wicker Park Golf Course.
- Left, junior Mark Koval tries to determine which club would be best for his next shot.



• Top left, senior Joe Holtrop tees off on the par-4, third hole at Wicker Park.

• Top right, junior Nick McNinch putts the ball with a steady swing of the club.

• Bottom left, senior Jim Weller concentrates on putting his ball to beat his opponent.



1996-97 GOLF SEASON RESULTS

| | |
|----------------|---|
| @Calumet | L |
| @Morton | L |
| @Highland | L |
| @Griffith | L |
| Bishop Noll | L |
| @Lake Station | L |
| Hammond High | L |
| Gavit | L |
| River Forrest | L |
| Clark | L |
| @Munster | L |
| GARY WIRT | W |
| @Conf. Tourney | L |
| GARY WIRT | W |
| E.C. Central | L |
| @Sectionals | L |

Conference record 0-9

Overall record 2-16

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Cheerleading

Senior squad keeps busy while having fun

• By Mandy Meyers

The Whiting High senior squad cheerleaders had fun this year. Between cheerleading kiddie camps for elementary students, fundraisers, locker signs and long practices, the girls had a busy year.

The season started out in June when the UCA cheerleaders came to our school to hold a camp for the squad. Two of Whiting's cheerleaders qualified for a trip to London for the New Year's Day Parade. The senior squad cheerleaders were juniors **Joan Musak** and **Holly Kosalko**.

"It was nice being able to do something cool through cheerleading," said Musak. "I was really glad I had the opportunity to go."

Working hard all summer long and throughout football season really paid off. By the time basketball rolled around in January, the squad had accomplished something they have been wanting to do for a long time. For the first time this year, the girls were lifting and performing stunts for the games. They knew they had improved just by the crowd's reaction.

"It was nice to see our cheerleaders perform stunts like the other schools," junior **Elizabeth Fetsis** said.

Much of the credit for the squad's intricate stunts goes to the squad's coach, Mrs. **Naomi Irvine** and her assistant Ms. **Melissa Mote**.

With hard work and determination, the cheerleading squad can only get better and better. . .

- Mandy Meyers leads the fans in a cheer.

- The 1996-97 Cheerleading Squad: Front Row (left to right) Melissa Adkins, Mandy Meyers, Shannon Hemm, Katie Farmer and Holly Kosalko. Back Row (left to right) Sarah Puhek, Katie Hayes, Tiffany Svitko, Joan Musak, Jenny Matuska, Renee Scott and Amanda Irvine.

- The Senior Squad cheers during a football game.

- Some cheerleaders take a break from cheering to catch some snowflakes.

- Several cheerleaders perform a lift during pre-game.





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Poms/Flags

**Squads bring enthusiasm,
entertainment to games**

The Whiting High School Pom squad brought in a new edition. During football season, members of the squad put down their poms and picked up flags. Overall the group of girls welcomed this change as a improvement to the squad.

"For it being the first year, I feel our Flags went very well," said senior **Adrienne De Luna**. "We were lucky to have dedication from the five of us even for weekend practices."

The squad also purchased new uniforms which they paid for themselves. Along with these changes came a new style of dancing. Hip-hop movements with a faster pace provided dances full of variety and style.



• 1996-97 Poms and Flags Squad: Front row (left to right) Stasha Abrego, Brandy Garcia and Christy Gonzalez. Back row (left to right) Elizabeth Fetsis, Liz Martinez, Angela Lopez, Sandra Fernandez and Adrienne De Luna.

• Sophomore Liz Martinez struts her stuff during a pom halftime performance. Also pictured is senior Adrienne De Luna.

• By Brandy Garcia





• Junior Melissa De LaVega and sophomores Sandra Fernandez, Liz Martinez and Stasha Abrego pose for a picture after a halftime performance.

• The Pom Squad performs on the floor during a home basketball game.



• Sophomore Angela Lopez awaits the start of the squad's Flags performance.

• Juniors Christy Gonzalez, Brandy Garcia and sophomore Stasha Abrego are poised for the announcement of the starting lineup.



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J.V. Volleyball

Oilers show dedication

Whiting's J.V. volleyball team looked forward to a great season. The Oilers had five returning players, and an excellent group of freshmen.

"The volleyball season went well," said freshman Sarah Puhek. "We won against some really hard teams and we improved a lot throughout the season." The J.V. team ended with an overall record of 7-12. Whiting lost in the first round of their J.V. tourney to Munster. Overall the team had a good season.

• By Rachel Lyons



• Sophomore Hether Buranosky sends the ball over the net as her teammates back her up.

• Freshman Michelle Kobli backsets to Rachel Lyons.



Team Members: (kneeling left to right) Kristen Knazur, Rachel Lyons, Adriana Dominguez, Liz Toth, Liz Martinez, Brianne Tolbertson (standing left to right) Coach Milch, Hether Buranosky, Joan Musak, Sarah Puhek, Angela Lopez

1996-1997 J.V. Volleyball

SEASON RESULTS

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Merrillville | L |
| @LAKE STATION | W |
| @LEW WALLACE | W |
| WHEELER | W |
| @HAMMOND | W |
| Griffith | L |
| @Clark | L |
| Highland | L |
| @Morton | L |
| @WESTSIDE | W |
| @Bishop Noll | L |
| Munster | L |
| Lake Central | L |
| @Gavit | L |
| CALUMET | W |
| Hanover Central | L |
| HORACE MANN | W |
| Wash Twp | L |

Overall Record (7-12)

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J.V. Football

Oilers show good progress

This year's Whiting junior varsity football team, coached by Richard Shanley and William Greer, showed a lot of hard work and dedication this year. The team has drastically improved on its efforts since last year.

"I think dedication has been in them all along, especially in the younger players," Coach Shanley said. "The sophomores have been dedicated to become better players.

• By Kelley Meyerhoff

'We worked really hard and played well when we won.'

--Paul Wetnight, junior

Most of the JV team is ready for varsity next year."

The Oilers have also showed an improvement since last season. All of the players, overall, were dedicated to this season.

The players are satisfied with their

progress.

"We worked really hard and played well when we won," junior Paul Wetnight said.

The team definitely had a reason to show their Oiler spirit.



• Junior Paul Wetnight (left picture) and his teammates await the next play to be called from the sidelines by the junior varsity football coaching staff.

• The Whiting junior varsity football team (below) sets up defensively prior to the snap of the ball.



1996-1997 Junior Varsity Football SEASON RESULTS

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| @CALUMET | W |
| RIVER FOREST | W |
| @South. Central | L |
| @LAKE STATION | W |
| CALUMET | W |
| @Gavit | L |
| Griffith | L |
| CLARK | W |

Overall Record (5-3)



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J. V. Girls Basketball

Girls work hard
for next season

● By Tiffany Amber Sanchez

Being on a J. V. team can be physically and mentally demanding. Not having much fan support can be discouraging at times, but as time goes by, things get better.

"Toward the beginning of the year we didn't really have that many fans," freshman **Laura Gulvas** said. "But toward the end of the year we kept getting more and more fans."

Being on any J. V. team represents a challenge to try to learn new things that will better your chances of being on the varsity team the following year.

"Each game in itself had its own challenges and, each time we went

'Toward the beginning of the year we didn't have many fans but toward the end of the year we kept getting more and more fans.'

--freshman **Laura Gulvas**

out, we learned something new about playing as a team," sophomore **Tami Legg** said.

This young team has plenty to look forward to next season. Good luck!

Season Results J. V. Girls Basketball

| | | |
|------------------|---|-------|
| Boone Grove | L | 13-31 |
| @GAVIT* | W | 26-25 |
| Highland* | L | 14-31 |
| WASH. TWP. | W | 30-27 |
| @Clark* | L | 23-29 |
| Munster* | L | 15-36 |
| @Lake Station | L | 17-28 |
| @Hammond* | L | 22-26 |
| @WESTVILLE | W | 28-18 |
| Bishop Noll* | L | 27-41 |
| @M. C. Marquette | L | 24-31 |
| CLARK* | W | 31-21 |
| @E. C. Central | L | 34-38 |
| Morton* | L | 29-37 |
| CALUMET* | W | 30-13 |
| @Griffith* | L | 20-49 |
| @LACROSSE | W | 34-27 |

*notes Lake 10 Conference Game
Conference Record (2-7)

Overall Record (6-11)



- The 1996-97 J. V. Girls Basketball Team. Standing: Nicole Condry, Sarah Puhek, Melissa Applegate, Nicole Protolipac, Michelle Miller, Elizabeth Toth, Coach Sara Vine. Kneeling: Sarah Morando, Kristen Knazur, Michelle Kobli, Tami Legg, and Laura Gulvas.



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•Top left, Football managers, Tiffany Sanchez and Tammy Fisher clean up after a home football game.

• Top right, Mr. Chicvara takes stats at a football game.

•Above left, Basketball managers, Kathy Fisher, Brandy Garcia, and Stephanie Nagy.

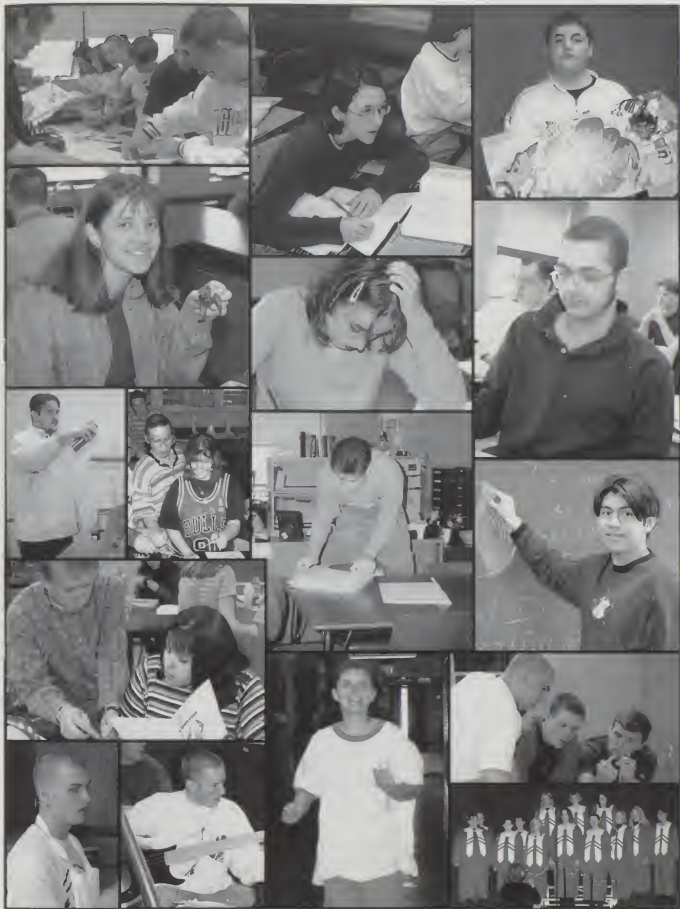
•Above right, Baseball managers, Kathy Fisher, Wendy Douglas, and Tammy Fisher.

•Left, Mr. Rebey, Kim Mikulski, Lisa Bayless, Michelle Manaugh, Sarah Thorpe, and Brianne Tolbertson.

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84• Classes





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English

English vital
to students

● By Michelle Miller

The English Department here at Whiting is stronger than ever. Needing eight semesters to graduate, students realize the importance of English class. Mrs. Flaris, Ms. Guaccio, Mr. Foss, and Mr. Moynihan comprise the teachers in the English Department.

"English is one of my favorite and most important classes," said **Faith Rodick**, "because I like to read a lot."

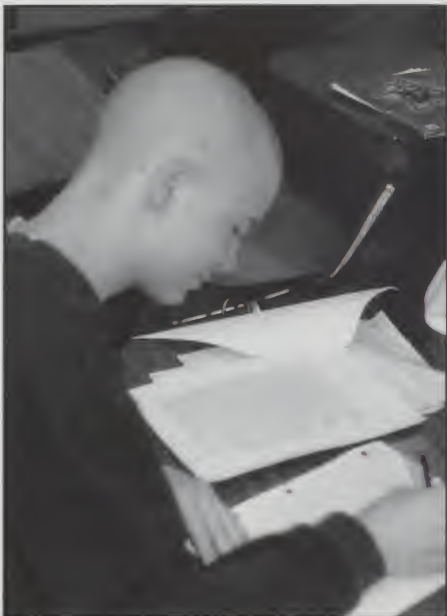
Unlike many other courses, English is a requirement that is taken very seriously by students at all levels. This year freshmen conquered Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*; sophomores had to write a research paper and had to read Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*; juniors had to read to John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*; and seniors studied Shakespeare's *Hamlet*.

This year, Speech was added to the English curriculum, and many students said they enjoyed the course.

"I feel that Speech class will help me feel more confident speaking in front of people," said senior **Lisa Bayless**.

Speech was a one-semester course, which gave many students an opportunity to take the course.

"I really enjoyed some of the speeches," said sophomore **Tiffany Sanchez**.



• Sophomore J.J. Furto rewrites his thesis statement for his research paper on the author Tom Clancy. Students in Mr. Foss' English 10 Advanced course were required to complete a research paper on an author they had been studying during the school year.

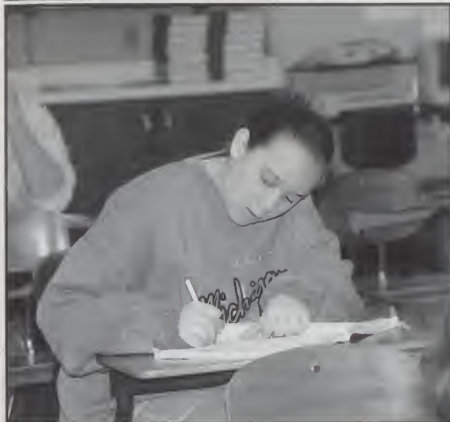




• Senior Joey Hernandez works hard to complete an English worksheet in Mrs. Flaris' English course.



• Above, sophomore Brian Domsich reads intently from a novel he has selected from the library.



• Left, sophomore Jessica Moskalick works hard to finish her vocabulary homework before the bell.

• Below, senior Rosa Rodriguez concentrates on her grammar worksheet that Mrs. Flaris had assigned.



• Left, junior Mandy Meyers gets help from her fellow classmate Holly Kosalko on a grammar assignment.

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Band

Practice makes perfect

Every year the band participates in several activities such as parades, festivals, and competitions. This year was no exception.

Over the summer the band, directed by **Mr. Kuhn**, kept itself busy by marching in the Fourth of July Parade, practicing their performance for the halftime show at home football games, and picking out new music to play for next school year.

"It looks so easy but it's not," junior **Jackie Matejko** said. "It takes several years of practice to be able to play an instrument well in high school. Just because it's not book work doesn't mean it's not hard work."

During the year, the band performed in two concerts, played at the home football and basketball games, and competed in numerous competitions.

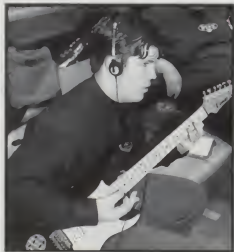
Junior **Ryan Zurek**, who plays the bass and tuba, possessed enough talent and determination to be able

● By Tiffany Amber Sanchez

to play at the state level and receive a second place for his bass solo.

"It was cool," Zurek said. "But it was also a very intimidating atmosphere. I didn't expect to go so it was really weird when I found out I was going. I'm glad I had the chance to go and if I have the chance to compete next year, I definitely will."

- Right, The Pep Band plays during halftime at a home football game.
- Left, Nathan Wilson plays a few notes on his guitar.
- Below, Brian Domsich and Jerry Snyder show their pride for the Oilers during a pep assembly.



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CHOIR

WHISTLE WHILE YOU WORK

● By Tiffany Amber Sanchez

Some students may think that Choir is an easy class, but that's not true.

In order to take Choir you can't just suddenly decide to take it. You must either audition or receive the teacher's approval.

Students taking Choir class, directed by **Mrs. Reinhart**, work very hard year round. Practicing songs for

one of their concerts or competitions are just a few of the things they do.

This year's fall concert was enjoyed by several students and people from the community.

"The music at the concert was wonderful," sophomore **Robert Hobson** said. "When I went to it I didn't expect the choir to be that good. It was incredible."

Music not only pleases the listener but also can be an enjoyable experience for the performer.

"I feel that it is an honor to use my talent to entertain others," junior **Elizabeth Herman** said. "My music accomplishments throughout high school has been helpful towards my future."



• The Whiting High School Choir sings one of the several songs it rehearsed for the Fall Concert.

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Spanish

Study of Spanish culture important

● By Michelle Miller

Spanish students this year not only learned the language but they also learned about the culture of other countries.

To aid in the learning of other cultures, students watched videos and read about the experiences of teenagers from other countries.

The Spanish classes also had the pleasure of receiving instruction from **Mr. Hernandez**, a student teacher, who taught for nine weeks of the first semester. Many students agreed that Mr. Hernandez's style of teaching was refreshing.

"Mr. Hernandez was very successful in teaching Spanish," said sophomore **Tiffany Sanchez**.



• Above, Mr. Hernandez and Eric Casillas say Spanish verbs for the class to conjugate.

• Far left, Gino Urbina waits for his team to give him the answers.

• Left, Robert Giancola writes down answers on the board to score points for his team.

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German

**Students challenged
in competitive class**

● By Michelle Miller

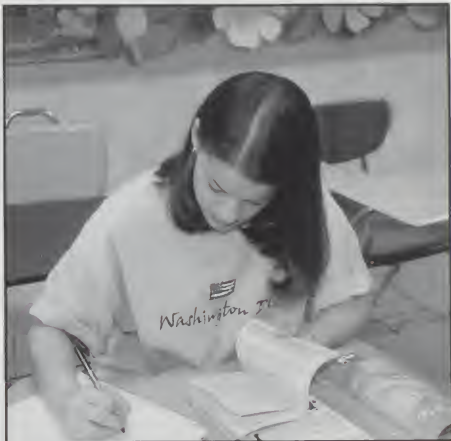
Guten Tag! This is one of the several greetings you'll hear at Whiting High School from the German students.

German students are challenged everyday in class, and because this is true, many students feel the necessity to stay on top of the subject material.

German students are fortunate their classes are small, so they can get help easily.

"There is not many people in my class," said junior **Jackie Matejko**. "But this is only because **Frau Leonhardt** can help us individually."

German students have fun by playing German hangman, and by decorating the bulletin board in the German language. Students, for example, decorated the bulletin board to celebrate various holidays and also to support the football team.



• Above, junior Eileen Stahura tries to find the English definition for her German words.



• Sophomore Marty Dado displays a colorful Easter egg that a student had drawn.



• Left, junior Mike Nagy works hard on his German textbook assignment in the hope of receiving a high grade.

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Math

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Math Fun!

A course that is used in almost any field of work every day is math. Many classes are offered at Whiting High School, including Algebra, Geometry, and Calculus. Although only three years of math is required, some students decide to take advanced mathematical courses.

"It will help me in college, and if I decide to pursue a mathematical career, it would be beneficial," said junior **Kathy Fisher** in reference to taking more advanced mathematical courses.

• By Nick Heeringa



• Top, sophomore Liz Martinez concentrates on her Geometry work.

• Above, senior Heather Trojnar works on her Calculus assignment.

• Left, senior Harvey Cox takes notes during instruction time.

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Business

New technology challenges minds

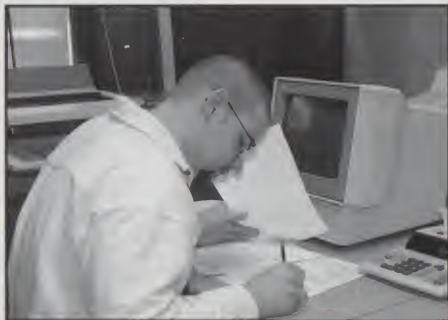
• By Nick Heeringa

In a world that is constantly moving forward, knowledge of the business world can be very useful in choosing a good career path. Classes at Whiting High School range from Computer Applications to Business. These classes give students the opportunity to learn about computers, the Internet, and other useful material.

"By taking these classes it will prepare me for the field I would like to pursue after high school," senior James Weller said.

• Upper right, senior Lisa Bayless works on a computer in her business class.

• Below, senior Dan Lakes does a Business assignment on his computer.



• Above, senior Jim Weller concentrates on passing his business test.



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Home Economics

WHS students learn the basics

● By Holly Kosalko

The Home Economic classes can be a fun way to learn to cook or sew. Students can learn to follow a recipe or cook new foods. It is always good to take a cooking class to know your way around a kitchen. An added bonus is that the students can eat their work.

The Home Economic classes are taught by **Mrs. Thrall**. In clothing classes, students learn how to sew by hand or machine. The students can decide to sew any project they want. Junior **Wendy Douglas** said that she "really enjoys clothing class" because she is getting experience for things that will come up in her future.

These kinds of electives can be fun. Home Economic classes could help a student decide if they want a future profession in clothing or food professions.



• Left, senior Jimmy Weller has fun while tossing pizza dough.

• Far left, junior Jessica Earl and senior Danny Lakes prepare a home economics project.

• Below, Mrs. Thrall helps prepare food in her classes.



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INDUSTRIAL ARTS

STUDENTS BUILD FOR THE FUTURE

● By Holly Kosalko

The Industrial Arts classes help students learn to build objects or draft designs for different projects on a computer.

These Industrial Arts classes are taught by Mr. Rebey and Mr. Cain. By taking these classes, students not only work with their hands, but they also use various machine equipment. They will also have the chance to get more acquainted with computers.

Industrial Arts classes help students learn skills that may be used in a profession they might want to pursue after high school.

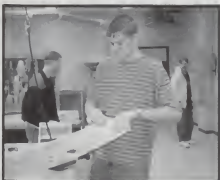


• Above, Mr. Rebey instructs sophomore Bryan Ison on a woods project.

• Far left, top, Mr. Cain teaches students how to use the equipment.

• Far left, bottom, junior Mark Koval sands the end of a woods project.

• Left, junior Nick Dado assembles pieces to a woods project he is working on.



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ART

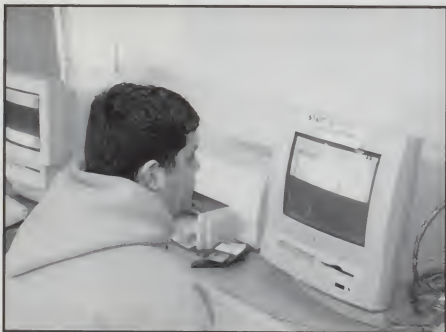
SPECIALIZING IN CREATIVITY

• By Rachel Lyons

Whiting High school is fortunate to be able to provide numerous types of Art classes for the WHS student body, such as Art 1 & 2, Art Appreciation, and Ceramics. These classes were designed for the WHS students to allow them to express themselves through creativity and individuality.

"It allows me to create art that embodies me," senior **Mauricio Rosendo** said. "The classes allow me to be myself."

- Junior **Juan Rosendo** sketches a drawing in Art class.
- Senior **Michelle Manaugh** works on her drawing.
- Junior **Julio Barrera** works on the computer.



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Health / P.E.

Benefiting from being active

• By Rachel Lyons

Every student is required to take Health and Physical Education for one full year, but don't worry it's not that bad!

P.E allows students to break away from the everyday environment of the classroom and move into the gym or outside. Throughout the year, students will participate in sports such as volleyball, basketball, and tennis.

Health class allows students to learn about various topics as well as various systems of the body and how to take care of them, and about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.



• Junior Eileen Stahura and senior Rachel Morgan take notes in Medical Terminology class.

• Sophomores Ante Dosen and Amanda Biagi try to make it through another day in Health class.

• Freshmen girls are excited about running the mile in Gym class.



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History

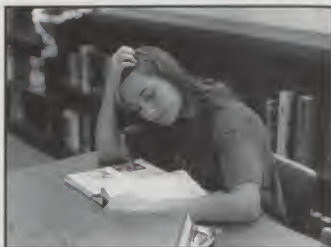
Fun to teach,
fun to learn

History is defined as the "story or record of important past events connected with a person or a nation." Here at Whiting, it is not only the study but also the enjoyment that makes history a pleasure to take for students.

With teachers such as **Mr. Vrabel** and **Mr. Adkins**, who try to make learning fun, it's not hard to believe that students not only hear what is being said but also listen and learn.

"Mr. Vrabel always knows how to make you laugh," says sophomore **Nicole Potrolipac**. "And we learn a great deal."

● By Robert Hobson

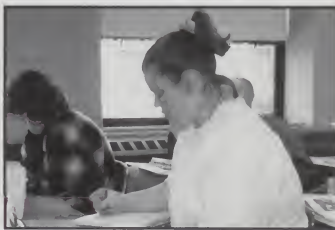
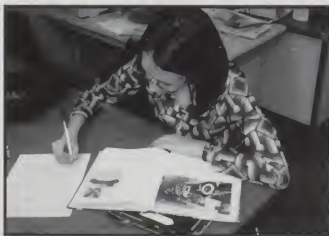
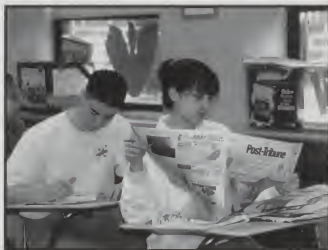


• Above, freshman Liz Toth studies in the library for her geography class.

• To the left, sophomores Angela Lopez and Dan Donovan look through newspapers for current events.

• Below, senior Rachel Morgan studies for her government/economics class.

• Below, to the left, junior Joan Musak does her U.S. history homework.



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Science

New lab, new staff means top education

Science has always been an institution of the highest standing here at Whiting, and even though we have a new, young staff, it is only changing for the better.

With plans for a new lab next year and with knowledgeable teachers, Whiting's science classes are definitely working its way to the top.

Over the summer, a crew will be working to move and update our chemistry and biology labs to provide more space as well as allowing room for more and more indepth labs.

Even with this new equipment only our wonderful Whiting teachers could make our classes what they are," said Mr. Nichols, who is a WHS biology teacher.

"It should be great to have a facility that students can actually do labs in," he added.

• By Robert Hobson



• Above, senior Aimee Gollnick dissects a crayfish in Mr. Nichols' Biology II class.

• Below, Miss Raycroft's chemistry class performs a flame test lab.



• Above, senior Barbie Maleckar receives instruction from Miss Raycroft.

• Right, Mr. Long's chemistry class works hard to keep good grades.



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The Reflector

*Bigger and
much better*

● By Tiffany Amber Sanchez

This year's edition of The Reflector was a very special one indeed. With a new staff and more equipment, there was one common goal among the staff members: a bigger and better yearbook.

Mission accomplished!

"I am glad I was able to be involved in the making of this book," sophomore **Katie Farmer** said. "With more pages we are able to capture more memories and that's what a yearbook is all about."

What made this yearbook so

unique is that all of the layouts were generated on the computer. Also, this year's book included 192 pages -- an all-time high. The staff, however, made a point to increase the number of layouts without sacrificing quality.

With the help of veteran staff members and yearbook advisor **Mr. Foss**, the new staff members

learned several new things to help prepare them for their journalistic futures.

'With more pages we are able to capture more memories and that's what a yearbook is all about.'

--sophomore Katie Farmer



- Left, various Tattler and Reflector staff members decide where to go at Ball State's High School Journalism Day.
- Right, Ad editor Missy Adkins gives assistant ad editor Holly Kosalko an idea for her layout.



- Above, The 1996-97 Reflector editors: Jayson Knazur and Lisa Bayless.
- Left, The 1996-97 Reflector Staff.

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THE TATTLER

NEW AND IMPROVED

The new school year brought several changes for the 1996-97 Tattler staff.

No longer being printed by Mr. Cain's Graphics class, this year was the first year that The Tattler was printed on authentic newsprint. Each of the 17 issues of The Tattler were four or eight pages. The final issue covered 12 pages.

"I thought The Tattler was better this year compared to last year because it was easier to read and the pictures were clearer," sophomore Michelle Miller said.

In addition to being able to put out a newspaper printed on newsprint, The Tattler staff also received numerous new computers and two new printers to type their stories on.

"I feel having it printed on newsprint makes the quality more app-

● By Tiffany Amber Sanchez

'I feel having it printed on newsprint makes the quality more appealing to the reader.'

--senior Jayson Knazur

ealing to the reader," senior Jayson Knazur said. "The staff also is larger and we worked real well together."

"As far as I'm concerned, we finished 17-0," Mr. Foss said. "We could have easily cancelled an issue or two, but we set a goal and we accomplished that goal. I'm extremely proud of this year's staff."

This certainly has been a productive year for The Tattler.



- Above, sophomores J. J. Furto and Liz Martinez pay attention during a staff meeting.
- Far left, The Tattler Co-Editors: senior Terri Shebish and junior Eileen Stahura.
- Left, senior Joe Holtrop does layout on one of the many issues of The Tattler.



- Left, The Tattler and Reflector staffs show off their souvenirs from Ball State's High School Journalism Day.
- Right, The 1996-97 Tattler staff. Not pictured: Liz Martinez and J. J. Furto.



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School Awards

WHS students receive awards for excellence

● By Holly Kosalko

Each year at Whiting High School, Awards Day is held to recognize outstanding students. Teachers, administrators, and guest presenters handed out awards. Before each award was presented, the award's value was explained. Certain scholarships had requirements to be filled. In order to win an award, a student might have to write an essay.

Individual awards were given to students for excellence in science, math, social studies, foreign language, business education, and industrial technology. Students who had perfect attendance, those in the National Honor Society, Top Ten, and Scholarship W winners were also recognized.

"I felt very special for getting an award because not many are given to sophomores," **Robert Hobson** said.

Whiting's contingent of award winners certainly had a lot to be proud of on this memorable day.



- Above, sophomore Maury Raycroft receives a Scholarship "W" from Dr. Manwaring.
- Below, junior Nick Dado receives a Purdue Outstanding Junior Award for social studies.



- Above, junior Melissa Applegate receives the N.B.A. Sportsmanship Certificate presented by Mr. Paul Laub.





- Top, junior Tom Callas receives a perfect attendance award from Principal Mr. Flick.
- Middle, junior Greg Gulvas is awarded the N.B.A. Sportsmanship Certificate.
- Bottom, junior Eileen Stahura receives a certificate for being a Girl's State delegate.

Whiting High School Awards Day May 21, 1997

• *The following is a list of underclassmen who were honored at the WHS Awards Day.*

Air Force Science Award
Alexander Green

Bausch & Lomb Award
Alexander Green

**Hugh O'Brien Youth
Foundation Nominee**
J.J. Furto

**N.B.A. Sportsmanship
Certificate**
Melissa Applegate
&
Greg Gulvas.



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STAFF

IMPORTANT TO WHS

● By Tiffany Amber Sanchez

There are many people who work "behind the scenes" to make Whiting High a safe and clean place to attend school.

Some of these people are the cleaning staff, the maintenance staff, the cafeteria staff, and the school nurse. Without the cleaning staff our hallways would be a mess of

papers, pens, and pencils strewn everywhere. Without the maintenance staff to fix jammed lockers, there would be many "lost souls" wondering around WHS without their school supplies. For those of you who buy lunch from our brand-spanking new cafeteria, whether it's a salad or pizza, what would you eat

if there was no one there to make your lunch? Where would those who feel sick go if there was no school nurse?

As you can see, these people are very important to everyone, because without them, Whiting High School simply would not be the same.



- Left, The Central Office Staff. Standing left to right: Mrs. Halliar, Ms. Cooper, and Mrs. Rowden. Sitting left to right: Mrs. Cain, Mrs. Fisher, and Mrs. Boyle.
- Below left, The Cafeteria Staff. Standing left to right: Mrs. Weller, Mrs. Vaught, Mrs. McNinch, Mrs. Lawson, and Mrs. Tokoly. Sitting left to right: Mrs. Serna, Mrs. Dumezich, Mrs. Michniewicz, and Mrs. Hobson.
- Below right, The Cleaning Staff. Mrs. Francisco and Mrs. Wright.



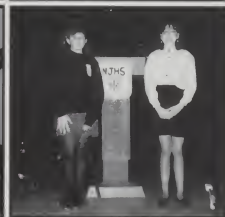


- Above, The bus drivers. Left to right: Mrs. Dwayne Foor, Mrs. Loni Mendoza, and Mrs. Millie Greer.
- Above left, school nurse Mrs. Gulvas.
- Left, guidance counselor Mrs. Sopo.



- Above, The Maintenance Staff. Left, Mr. Junior Ruiz; right, Mr. Mark Murzyn.
- Left, "Big" Don Kaminsky, WHS Computer Specialist.

SENIORS





Melissa Lynn Addins

"M.S.", "Missy", "Miss", "Mel"



Girls Basketball Stats 234; Softball Stats 1234; Cheerleading 1234; Captain 234; Lettered 24; Art Club 1234; Booster Club 34; F.B.L.A. 1234; Stock Team 4; Spanish Club 1234; Physics Club 4; S.A.D.D. 1234; Vice President 4; Environmental Club 4; I-CARE Club 1; Workshop 1; Prom Princess 3; Fall play stage crew 4; Concession Worker 14; Academic Team 34; Science 34; Science Team Regionals 1st place winner, State Finalist; Class Officer 1234; Treasurer 1; Prom Committee 23; member 23; Student Council 34; Home Room Alt. Rep. 3; Pres. 4; Reflector 24; Journalism Wksp. 2; Herff Jones Wksp. 4; Ad Editor 4; Ball State Wksp. 4; N.H.S. 34; Pres. 4; Scholarship "W" 123; Kiwanis Top Ten 34; Salutatorian 4; Girls State 3; State Rep.; Who's Who 1234; D.A.R. 4; Principal's Honor Roll 1234; Hugh O'Brian 2; Scholastic All Stars 1234; World Conference 4; N.H.S. Scholarship Nominee; Purdue University Jr. Scholar-Social Studies; American Legion Americanism Test Local Winner; ISU Summer Honors Program; **IDEAL**: Most likely to work at WHS; Teachers Pet; **LIKES**: Family, friends, movies and music from the 80's, snow; **DISLIKES**: Narrow-minded people, people who can't think for themselves, people who blame everyone except themselves, and "The Macarena"; **PLANS**: Attend IU (Bloomington) and be successful in whatever I choose.

Lisa Marie Banaszak



Tennis 134; Lettered 13 MVP; 1st team All-Conference 3; Booster Club 123; Spanish Club 123; Environmental Club 4; Office Aide 4; Scholarship "W" 3; Kiwanis Top Ten 34; Who's Who 1234; Principal's Honor Roll 1; **IDEAL**: Class Air-Head; **LIKES**: Disco, Shopping, Cute Guys, Plymouth Neons, Dancing, Kitties, Bowling; **DISLIKES**: Being Ticked, Throwing Up, E.T. **PLANS**: Get married and have a career in Business.

Lisa Gail Bayless

"Cheech", "Davis"



Boys Basketball Manager 3; Girls Stats 2; Volleyball 1234; Lettered 24; Mat Maid 1234; Art Club 123; Stock Team 4; Spanish Club 123; Choir 12; Concession Worker 1234; Teacher Aide 4; Prom Committee 34; The Reflector 34; Co-Editor 4; Photo Editor 4; Herff Jones Wksp. 4; Journalism Wksp. 3; Ball State Wksp. 4; Honor Roll 1; Sectional Queen Candidate 4; **IDEAL**: Class Flirt; **LIKES**: The number 13, the color orange, volleyball, my family, my friends, my boyfriend, and getting things done my way. **DISLIKES**: School, being late, ignorant people. **PLANS**: To either go to Beauty School or join the Military.

Andres Casillas

"Dre"



Football 23; Lettered 3; Wrestling 34; Captain 4; Art Club 4; Booster Club 4; Industrial Arts Club 4; President 4; Spanish Club 1234; President 4; Cinco de Mayo King 3; Environmental Club 4; Homecoming King 4; Prom King; Honor Roll 1234; Scholastic AllStar 4; Science 4; **IDEAL**: Class Airhead, Best Personality; **LIKES**: Sleeping in, sports, fishing; **DISLIKES**: Complainers, liars; **PLANS**: Go to the Air Force.

Teresa Diane Collings



Rochester High School 123; Spanish Club 2; Environmental Club 3; President 3; The Tattler 34; Staff Reporter 3; Opinion Editor 4; Honor Roll 34; **LIKES**: Harvey Cox, sleeping in, listening to music; **DISLIKES**: liars, people who chomp on gum, having to work and pay bills; **PLANS**: Go to college in California and major in law, make a lot of money, and marry Harvey Cox.

Harvey Lynn Cox



Football 123, Lettered 3; Art Club 4; Industrial Arts Club 4; Spanish Club 234 **IDEAL**: Class Bully; **LIKES**: Teresa Collings, Football, Basketball and, of course, food; **DISLIKES**: People with bad attitudes.

Nicole Danielle DeBolt
"Nikki" "Nikki D"



Girls Basketball 234, Lettered 34; Cross Country 4, Lettered 4; Softball 3, Lettered 3; Cheerleading 1; German Club 234; Chior 34; Spring Musical 3; Teachers Aide 3; Library Aide 4; Concession Worker 13; Honor Roll 4; **LIKES**: basketball, Winnie the Pooh, sleeping in, driving around; **DISLIKES**: liars, gossip; **PLANS**: I plan to go to college at Purdue Calumet, and go into education.

Jorge DelReal



Basketball 3; Football 234, Lettered 34; Spanish Club 123, Vice President 3; Cinco de Mayo King 1; Prom Prince 3; Teacher Aide 4; Scholastic All Star 2; **IDEAL**: Nicest Eyes, Nicest Smile, Most Sarcastic; **LIKES**: Jenny McCarthy, football, sleeping; **DISLIKES**: River Forest, being injured; **PLANS**: Go to college and own my own business.

Adrienne Estelle De Luna
"Age" "Moon" "Ardin"



Girls Basketball Stats 34; Volleyball 4, Lettered 4; Poms 4, Lettered 4; Flags 4, Lettered 4; Art Club 1234; Booster Club 4; Industrial Arts Club 3; Spanish Club 1234; Environmental Club 34; Office Aide 4; Fine Arts Academic Team 4; Prom Committee 23; Who's Who 3; Perfect Attendance 3; Honor Roll 1234; Fine Arts Scholastic All Star 4; Elks Student of the Month 3; **IDEAL**: Most School Spirit, Best Personality, Friendliest, Most Talented; **LIKES**: Elmo, blue, Alternative music; **DISLIKES**: Fake people, country music, pink, people who copy; **PLANS**: Attend IU and major in graphic design, minor in computer animation.

Elizabeth Anne Dybel
"Beth Anne"



Basketball 1234, Captain 24, Lettered 3; Softball 13, Lettered 3; Volleyball Stats 23; Art Club 1234; German Club 124; I-CARE Club 1; Workshop 1; Homecoming Princess 3; Homecoming Queen 4; Fall Play 1; Office Aide 4; The Reflector 34; D.A.R.E. Role Model 34; **IDEAL**: Best Laugh, Most likely to cry at graduation, Most Argumentative; **LIKES**: Marilyn Manson, unique people, moshing, hair dye; **DISLIKES**: Poseurs, Nike boys, people who are not open to try new things; **PLANS**: Attend Robert Morris College in Chicago to be a medical assistant, then, become a registered nurse.

Michael John Furto
"Gonzo"



Baseball 4; Basketball 1; Football 1234, Lettered 34; Art Club 4; Stock Team 4; Industrial Arts Club 4; Spanish Club 1234; Honor Roll 3; **IDEAL**: Best Dancer; **LIKES**: Athletics, money, Hip hop music; **DISLIKES**: Racism.

Aimee Marie Gollnick
"Aimee Jo" "Chachi"



Purdue Junior Scholar Award English 3; IU Latino Scholar Award 123; **IDEAL**: Most Likely to Become a Politician; **LIKES**: IU basketball, Winnie the Pooh, hot chocolate, Country music, rainy days, **DISLIKES**: Purdue, goodbyes, bossy people, slackers; **PLANS**: Attend IU and major in elementary education and enjoy a happy life away from Whiting.

Joseph Donald Holtrop
"Joe" "Joey"



ers, partying, new things. **DISLIKES**: liars, complainers, and people who don't pitch in; **PLANS**: Go to college and become the Frat President and become successful in something.

Kevin M. Krieps



Office Aide 4; The Tattler 34, Staff Reporter 34; **LIKES**: Weekends, True friends; **DISLIKES**: Stupid people, excessively long wallet chains, bad drivers; **PLANS**: To work on computers and become independently wealthy in the process.

Joe Hernandez
"Joey"



E.C. 1; Wrestling 4; **LIKES**: Spending time with my love Denise, having fun, eating, swimming, weight lifting; **DISLIKES**: People that lie or give phony excuses, people that are in everybody's business, people that show off, waking up in the morning, violence, diseases, gangs, breaking up with someone you love. **PLANS**: To be with Denise 4-ever, go to college to be a computer programmer, or computer engineer, to have lots of money and own a big nice house.

Jayson Edward Knazur
"J"



Volleyball Stats 1234; Art Club 1234; Booster Club 1234, Treasurer 34, Senior Activity Director 4; F.B.L.A. 1234, President 4, Secretary 3, State Conference 4, State Delegate 4; Stock Team 34, Team Captain 34; German Club 1234; Drama Club 23; S.A.D.D. 1234, President 4, Treasurer 3, Assembly Organizer 4; Environmental Club 134, President 4, Vice President 3; I-CARE Club 12, I-CARE Workshop 1, Sectional Prince 1; Fall Play Stage Crew 1; Office Aide 3; Concession Worker 1234; Class Officer 1234, President 134, Vice President 2; Prom Committee 23, Chairman 23; Student Council 124, Class Representative 124; The Reflector 34, Editor 4, Advertising Editor 3; The Tattler 34, Staff Reporter 34, Advertising Editor 4, Business Manager 4; Journalism Workshops: P.U.C. 3, Herff Jones 4, Ball State 4; ELKS Student of the Month; Positive Plus; National PRIDE Conference; St. Josephs Business Conference; Discipline Policy Committee; I-PASS; **IDEAL**: Class Big Mouth, Most Talkative; Most Likely to Become a Politician; Teachers Pet; Most Likely to work at WHS, Most School Spirit; Class Compulsive Shopper; **LIKES**: The Gap, being involved, work, and politics; **DISLIKES**: Corruption, people who don't get involved, and unhappy people. **PLANS**: Attend college and major in Elementary Education with an endorsement in Middle School Education and then become a teacher.

Tony Joseph Kwintora



Industrial Arts Club 4; Spanish Club 34; Concert Band 1234; Pep Band 1234; President 4; Marching Band 1234; Teachers Aide 4; Who's Who 4; Honor Roll 4; Scholastic All-Star 4; Fine Arts; Foreign Language; **LIKES:** The Beatles, food, music, sleep, and coupons; **DISLIKES:** Fake people, and paying full price; **PLANS:** To pursue a career in music or communications.

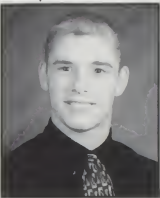
Daniel Steven Lakes



Wrestling 34; Lettered 34; MVP 3; Industrial Arts Club 4; Spanish Club 34; Honor Roll 34; **LIKES:** Fishing, wrestling, getting good grades; **DISLIKES:** School, work, losing, know-it-alls; **PLANS:** I'm hoping to go to school and fulfill my dream of becoming an archeologist.



Tom M. Legg
"T"



Basketball 12; Football 123; Art Club 3; German Club 1234; President 4; Sectional Prince 2; Teachers Aide 4; Principal's Honor Roll 4; Honor Roll 1234; Scholastic All Stars 23; Business; Foreign Language; **IDEAL:** Best Laugh; **LIKES:** Going out with friends, shopping, Grant Hill; **DISLIKES:** School, dirty people; **PLANS:** Attend college to make lots of money.

Laureen Lynn Lesar
"Laurie"



Soccer 12; Volleyball 12; F.B.L.A. 3; Spanish Club 123; S.A.D.D. 3; Office Aide 4; Reflector 4; Class Officer 2; Secretary 2; Prom Committee 23; Member 23; Kiwanis Top 10 34; Who's Who 1234; Honor Roll 123; Scholastic All Star 12; **LIKES:** Shopping, Older guys with nice cars, bowling, outspoken people; **DISLIKES:** Feet, when people crack their knuckles, shy people, corn; **PLANS:** After High School plan to work part-time and get a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

Angelica Magallanes



George Washington H.S. 12; Cross Country 1; Spring Musical 3; **LIKES:** My true friends, the color purple; **DISLIKES:** Compulsive liars, working; **PLANS:** After I graduate I plan on going to college and major in practical nursing.

Barbara Ann Malechar

"Barbie" "Babs" "Berk"



Cross Country 2; Tennis 12, Lettered 1; Art Club 234; Spanish Club 1234; Physics Club 4; Secretary 4; Drama Club 23; S.A.D.D. 134; Environmental Club 14, Vice President 4; Concert Band 1234; Pep Band 1234; Marching Band 1234; Drum major 34; Fall Play 23; Academic Team 1234, English 234, Captain 3; Math 124; Prom Committee 23; Member 23; Student Council 14, Class Representative 1, Treasurer 4; NHS 34, Treasurer 4; Scholarship "W" 123; Kiwanis Top Ten 34; Valedictorian 4; Girls State Alternate 3; Who's Who 1234; Principal's Honor Roll 1234; Honor Roll 1234; Scholastic All-Star 1234, Math; English, Science, Social Studies; Operation Snowball 1234; Co-Teen Director 4; Snowball Staff 34; Xerox Award 3; **LIKES:** Kermit, Taz, The Beatles, thunderstorms; **DISLIKES:** jerks, saying goodbye, slushy streets; **PLANS:** Attend Purdue and major in Pre-Pharmacy, live a happy life.

Joseph Charles Markovich



LIKES: Wheat Thins, Q101, Purdue, my car, the vend, money; **DISLIKES:** Fake people, drama queens, IU, B96, read-up, excuses; **PLANS:** Go to Purdue University (West Lafayette) to major in computer science.



Michelle Diane Manaugh

"Mitch" "Mae" "Manaugh" "Shelly"



Cheerleading 1, Mat Maid 234; Art Club 1234; F.E.A. 12; Spanish Club 24; Homecoming Queen Candidate 4; Choir 4; Perfect Attendance 12; **IDEAL:** Class Clown, Worst Driver; Class Big Mouth, Most Talkative; **LIKES:** My friends, Antenne Hardaway, Martin potatoes, eating, pickles; meeting new people, my Clark boys; **DISLIKES:** Backstabbers, drugs, getting up early, biting nails; **PLANS:** My future plans are to still chill with my friends and live my life my way.

Kimberly Ann Mckulski

"Kimmie"



96 DISLIKES: Getting up early for school, egos, disrespectful people; **PLANS:** Attend college.

Basketball 1234, Captain 4, Lettered 23; Football manager 4, Lettered 4; Softball 2, Lettered 2; Volleyball 123, Lettered 3; Cheerleading 1; Mat Maid 1234; Art Club 34; F.E.A. 12; Industrial Arts Club 4; Spanish Club 1234; "W" Club 4; Environmental Club 13; I-Care Club 1; Sectional Princess 2; Office Aid 4; Who's Who 23; Honor Roll 4; **IDEALS:** Most Likely to Trip at Grad, Sarcastic; **LIKES:** Sports, Jerry Rice, parties, pierogies, Dazed and Confused, Class of

Rachel Lea Morgan



F.E.A. 1; F.B.L.A. 1; Spanish Club, 1234; Fall Play 2; Stage Crew 12; Teacher's Aide 4; Office Aide 4; Concession worker 4; Academic Team 1234, English 4, Math 123, Science 3; The Reflector 3; Who's Who 1234; N.H.S. 34; Kiwanis Top Ten 34; Honor Roll 1234; **LIKES:** Days off, relaxing; **DISLIKES:** My job, liars, never being home; **PLANS:** Go to Purdue and major in Psychology and childhood development.

Azucena Perez
"Susy" "Shorty"



Century High School 1; Swim Team 1; Art Club 1; SAUVY 1; F.B.L.A. 1; Spanish Club 1; S.A.D.D. 2; Choir 1; **LIKES:** My family, my religion, friends, listening to romantic music; **DISLIKES:** Mean people, liars; **PLANS:** Go to school and become a nurse, than get a job.

Josh A. Plemons



Golf 2; Wrestling 3; Captain 3; Homecoming King Candidate 4; Teacher's Aide 4; **LIKES:** Sleeping in, Mustangs, Jennifer Aniston; **DISLIKES:** Liars, Two-faced people, working; **PLANS:** Graduate and go straight into the work force.



Heather Lynn Polak
"Heddu"



LIKES: Sleeping in, Spending time with Todd, Baby Mickey, Winnie the Pooh; **DISLIKES:** Stuck up people, fake people, working, backstabbers; **PLANS:** Go to school for cosmetology and take care of my baby.

Bonnie Diane Prskalo
"Bonita" "Bunny"



LIKES: Listening to music, hanging out with friends, sleeping in; **DISLIKES:** Two-timing people, liars, gossip about people; **PLANS:** Going to college to become a broadcaster.

Nick Dean Price
"Teen Wolf" "T.W."



Bishop Noll 3; Football 134, Captain 4; Soccer 1; Wrestling 4; F.E.A. 12; Spanish Club 12; Library Aide 4; Teacher's Aide 2; **IDEAL:** Most Likely to Trip at Graduation; **LIKES:** Martial Arts, Football, All forms of music; **DISLIKES:** Two Faces, Followers; **PLANS:** I'm going to college.



Kevin Scott Puhke, Jr.
"Kev-Boy" "Pooh" "Pooh-Bear" "Kevin" "Pooh"



Girls Basketball Stats 23; Football 1; Golf 1, Captain 1; Softball Stats 23; Volleyball Stats 3; German Club 134; Office Aide 4; The Reflector 23, Photo Editor 2, Journalism Wksp. 23; The Tattler 3, Layout Editor 3, Sports Editor 3; Kiwanis Top Ten 34, Boys State Delegate 3; Who's Who 1; Principal's Honor Roll 4; Honor Roll 1234; **LIKES:** Having fun with friends, goofing off, money; **DISLIKES:** Liars, work, people who talk behind your back, people who don't know what they are talking about, people who aren't what they seem to be; **PLANS:** Attend Purdue, major in computer engineering, become successful, and have a family.

Bryan Sean Raymond
"Dahmer"



Art Club 4; Spanish Club 124; Honor Roll 1; **LIKES:** Money; **DISLIKES:** Mean people, sauerkraut; **PLANS:** GO into the work force.

Randy Alan Reel
"Booby"



Basketball 12; Football 12; Art Club 1234; Stock Team 34, Team Captain 34; Industrial Arts Club 34; Spanish Club 234; S.A.D.D. 34; Office Aide 4; Teachers Aide 34; **LIKES:** "UNC Tarheels", Miami Dolphins, Cleveland Indians, Orlando Magic; **DISLIKES:** Two-faced people, working, liars, backstabbers; **PLANS:** Go to tech. school, major in graphic art, make a lot of money and have a happy life.

Joe Rivers



Football 1234, Lettered 34; Wrestling 3, Captain 3; Art Club 234; FBLA 4; Industrial Arts 3; Spanish Club 1234; Homecoming Prince 2; Sectionals Prince 3; Teachers Aide 4; **IDEAL:** Laziest; **LIKES:** Eating, sleeping, partying, girlfriend Mary; **DISLIKES:** Liars, school.

Shevon Dianne Robinson
"Shervy"

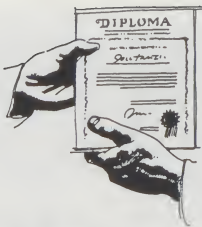


Art Club 23; Spanish Club 1; Teachers Aide 4; **LIKES:** Reggae, my boyfriend, being a mother, Reggae music, the color purple; **DISLIKES:** People who spread rumors, spiteful people; **PLANS:** To raise my child, to go to college at Purdue Calumet and graduate, to get married.

Jenny Rodriguez



Soccer 1; Poms 3, Lettered 3; Art Club 234, Secretary 4; Spanish Club 234; Sectional Princess 3; Teachers Aide 4; Concession Worker 13; Honor Roll 4; Scholastic All-Star 4, Fine Arts; **IDEAL:** Class Mooch; **LIKES:** Being lazy, trust-worthy friends, partying; **DISLIKES:** Two-faced people, most people in this school, funky people; **PLANS:** I plan to take my life day-by-day.



Rosa Adriana Rodriguez
"Ro" "Ro-Ro" "Ro-Dawg"



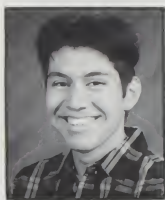
Football Manager 4, Lettered 4; Mat-Maid 123; Art Club 234; Booster Club 4; Spanish Club 1234; Environmental Club 1; Homecoming Princess 1; Office Aide 4; **IDEAL:** Best Dancer; **LIKES:** Shaq, mostaccioli, being lazy; **DISLIKES:** When I don't get the last word, Chango, waking up, walking, cold weather; **PLANS:** To go to business school and in ten years, own my own business.

Daniel Jesus Sanchez
"Chez"



Football 12; Wrestling 2; Industrial Arts Club 1; Spanish Club 34; **LIKES:** Football, fishing, going to Cal Park, parties, Holtrop's basement; **DISLIKES:** 7th-hour, cops; **PLANS:** To join the Navy and then go on to become a fire-fighter.

Mauricio E. Rosendo
"Marcipio" "Marachino" "Reese"



Boys Basketball Manager 1; Cross Country 24; Football Manager 34; Art Club 1234, Booster Club 34, President 4; F.B.L.A. 23; Spanish Club 1234; Physics Club 4, SGT. @ Arms 4; Drama Club 23; S.A.D.D. 23; Fall Play 123; Academic Team 34; Social Studies 3; Fine Arts 34, Captain 4; Class Officer 34; Secretary 34; Prom Committee 23; Student Council 4; Secretary 4; The Tattler 4, Entertainment Editor 4, Who's Who 123, Principal's Honor Roll 23, Honor Roll 1234; DARE Roll Model 4; Top 10 Red Ribbon Poster Contest 4; **IDEAL:** Most Talented; Class Mooch; **LIKES:** Madonna, Thalia, Melrose Place, Self Expression, RuPaul; **DISLIKES:** Prejudice, Dennis Rodman, people who believe rumors, hypocrisy, undecisiveness; **PLANS:** I plan on attending Columbia College and becoming a fashion designer, I hope to keep my friendships with my closest friends and be a fulfilled person, I hope to achieve my life-long goals, and make lots of money.

Therese Marie Shebish
"Terri"



Art Club 3; Spanish Club 1234; Drama Club 23; Fall Play 1234; Spring Musical 34; The Tattler 34, Editor 4, Feature Editor 3, P.U.C Journalism Workshop 3, Ball State Journalism Workshop 4; N.H.S. 34; Who's Who 3; Honor Roll 1234; **LIKES:** Sleep, Anne Rice, Emily Dickinson, rain; **DISLIKES:** People who try to tell you how to act, and people who listen to those people; **PLANS:** To professionally act on stage or in movies.

Erbey Solis, Jr.



Baseball 1; Football 12; Wrestling 1234, Captain 123, Lettered 123, MVP 3; Art Club 4; "W" Club 3; Homecoming Prince 3; Teacher's Aide 4; **IDEAL:** Best Dressed; **LIKES:** Boxing, Girls, Trucks; **DISLIKES:** Gossip, Punks; **PLANS:** College, and than a professional boxing career.

John Joseph Tokoly



Wrestling 3; Industrial Arts Club 34; Spanish Club 1234; **LIKES:** Orlando Magic, Driving, Watching Sports; **DISLIKES:** Dirty people, Chicago Bulls, People who copy stuff you already got; **PLANS:** Go to college at Purdue Calumet for Architectural Engineering and work for some big corporation designing houses, buildings and bridges.

Chris Joe Tolbertson
"Toby"



Industrial Arts Club 4; Spanish Club 4; Choir 4; **LIKES:** The Bulls, X-Files, Food; **DISLIKES:** Liars, Followers, The Orlando Magic; **PLANS:** Get out of Whiting.

Heather Frances Trojnar



Tennis 1234, Lettered 1234, MVP 23; Art club 3; Booster Club 134; Spanish Club 1234; Physics Club 34; Drama Club 24; Environmental Club 14; Teacher's Aide 4; Academic Team 124, Math 14, Science 124; Captain 2; Class officer 1, Vice- President 1, Student Council 134, Class rep 1, Roomroom Alt. Rep 3, VP 4; The Reflector 4, Copy Editor 4, Herff Jones wksp 4; The Tattler 2, Feature Editor 2; NHS 34, VP 4; Scholarship "W" 2; Kiwanis Top Ten 34; Girls state delegate 3; Who's who 1234; Bauch & Lomb 3; Honor Roll 1234; Scholastic All Star 1234, Science, Foreign Language; Wksp. Exploration in careers in science summer institute; I.U. Honors program in Foreign Languages; **IDEAL:** Most likely to Succeed, Nicest Eyes; **LIKES:** Hedgehogs, shoes, biology, my friends, stock day at Walgreens, my dogs; **DISLIKES:** Spiders, calculus, homework, research papers, 10,000 forms that need to be filled out to do something, work; **PLANS:** Attend IU and major in biology.

Kelly Lynn Vaught



Basketball 1234, Captain 4, Lettered 34; Softball 1234, Lettered 234, MVP 3; Volleyball 1234, Captain 4, Lettered 1234, MVP 4, Lake 10 Honorable Mention 4; Art Club 1234; F.B.L.A 4; Spanish Club 1234; Library Aide 4; Prom Queen 4; **IDEAL:** Nicest smile, most athletic, compulsive shopper; **LIKES:** Ab Fab, Aretha Franklin, Murphy Brown, sports, friends; **DISLIKES:** Wind, Barney, country music, losing to BNI; **PLANS:** Attend college and become very successful and happy.



Jennifer Marie Walsko



Bishop Noll 123; Boone Grove 3; Track 12; Lettered 12; F.B.L.A. 34; Office Aide 234; Teacher's Aide 3; Honor Roll 4; **IDEAL:** Class bully; **LIKES:** Mike Hogen and his 6-pack, my friends, pickles & cheese, Elvis, parties; **DISLIKES:** Fakes, green vegetables, science, being late; **PLANS:** Go to college and get married to Mike and have a child.

James Austin Weller
"Jimmy" "Jim" "Big Jim"



AL: Best Personality, **LIKES:** Going to the movies, sleeping in, navy blue, people with a good personality and very funny; **DISLIKES:** Phony people, unclean people, liars; **PLANS:** Going to college to get my degree in accounting, having fun and living my life to the fullest.

Football 1234, Lettered 34; Golf 1234, Captain 34, Lettered 1234; Wrestling 3, Lettered 3; Art Club 1234; F.B.L.A. 34; Stock Team 34; Spanish Club 1234; Homecoming King Candidate 4; Concert band 1234; Pep Band 1234; Marching Band 12; Office Aide 4; Teacher's Aide 34; Concession Worker 123; Boys State Alternate 3; D.A.R.E; Role Model 4; Who's Who 34; Honor Roll 34; Scholastic All-Star 1234, Business, Band, Math, Art; CPA Society Conference; **IDE-**

Congratulations

GRADUATES

Mike J. Wenglarz



Wrestling 34, Lettered 4; Industrial Arts Club 34; Spanish Club 12; **LIKES:** The "nannys", rodeos, gyros, sleeping, the Packers, motorcycles, "Bush"; **DISLIKES:** Liars, English 12, '83 Mustangs, dirtiness, people who slang jive; **PLANS:** Leave for the Army in August.

Eddie Lee White II
"Speddie" "Sped Dog"



Baseball 1234, Captain 4, Lettered 1234; Basketball 123, Lettered 23; Wrestling 4; Spanish Club 34; Concert Band 1234; Pep Band 1234; Marching Band 1234; **LIKES:** Baseball, Sleeping in, Jennifer Aniston; **DISLIKES:** Liars, phony people, Schrage boys; **PLANS:** Go to college and make money.

Lisa Marie Zubeck
"Zube"



ence 4; **IDEAL:** Friendliest; **LIKES:** Notre Dame, football, oranges, snow, sleep; **DISLIKES:** Girls State, classes that drag on, my senior picture, waking up in the morning; **PLANS:** Go to college and be successful.

Football Manager 23; Volleyball 1; Tennis 12, Lettered 2; Art Club 234; Booster Club 4, Secretary 4; F.B.L.A. 12; Spanish Club 1234, Secretary 3; S.A.D.D. 12; Teacher's Aide 234; Academic Team 234, English 2, Social Studies 34; Fine Arts 3; Class Officer 134, Vice President 34, Secretary 1, Prom Committee 23; Sectional Queen Candidate 4, Sectional Queen 4; The Reflector 4; NHS 34; Kiwanis Top Ten 34; Girls State 3; Who's Who 1234; Honor Roll 1234; World Affairs Confer-

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Top Ten

*Seniors graduate
top of the class*

● By Heather Trojnar



• Left, valedictorian Barbara Maleckar and salutatorian Melissa Adkins.

• From left to right, Heather Trojnar (3rd), Aimee Gollnick (4th), Lisa Banaszak (5th), Rachel Morgan (6th), Joseph Markovich (7th), Lisa Zubeck (8th), Lauren Lesar (9th), and Kevin Puhek (10th).





IDEAL SENIORS



•NICEST EYES•
J. Del Real & H. Trojnar

• By Lisa Bayless



•BEST PERSONALITY•
J. Weller, A. De Luna
L. Zubeck, & A. Casillas



•BEST DANCER•
R. Rodriguez & M. Furto



•BEST DRESSED•
E. Solis & A. Magallanes



•CLASS CLOWN•
M. Manaugh & H. Cox



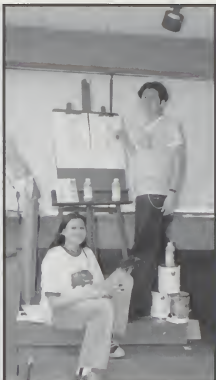
•BIG MOUTH•
J. Knazur & M. Manaugh



•CLASS FLIRT•
H. Cox & L. Bayless



•COMPLUSIVE SHOPPER•
K. Vaught & J. Knazur



•MOST TALENTED•
A. De Luna & M. Rosendo



•MOST LIKELY TO BE A POLITICIAN•
J. Knazur & A. Gollnick



•CLASS BULLY•
J. Walsko & H. Cox



•AIR HEAD•
L. Banaszak & A. Casillas





•MOST ATHLETIC•
K. Vaught & J. Holtrop



•NICEST SMILE•
K. Vaught & J. Del Real



•MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED•
H. Trojnar & J. Markovich



•MOST SARCASTIC•
K. Mikulski & J. Del Real



•LAZIEST•

S. Thorpe & J. Rivers



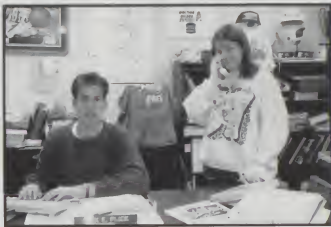
•MOST LIKELY TO CRY AT GRADUATION•

B. Dybel & N. Price



•TIGHTWAD/MOOCH•

J. Rodriguez & M. Rosendo



•MOST LIKELY TO WORK AT WHS•

J. Knazur & M. Adkins



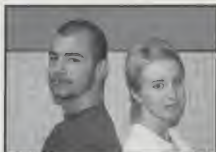
•MOST TALKATIVE•

M. Manaugh & J. Knazur



•WORST DRIVER•

J. Del Real & M. Manaugh



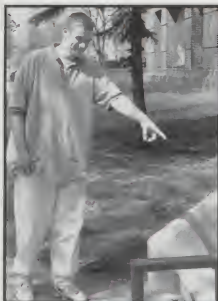
• MOST ARGUMENTATIVE •
J. Holtrop & B. Dybel



• TEACHERS PET •
M. Adkins & J. Knazur



• MOST SCHOOL SPIRITED •
J. Knazur & A. DeLuna



• BEST LAUGH •
Tom Legg



• MOST LIKELY TO TRIP AT GRAD. •
N. Price & K. Mikulski



• BEST LAUGH •
Beth Dybel

Class of 1997

From Mr. Don Adkins, Sponsor Class of 1997

As sponsor of the Class of 1997, I would like to wish the graduates the best life possible. We have worked together for the past four years to accomplish the goals we set for our Class. I believe we have accomplished these goals. Our Prom, in 1996, turned out to be a tremendous success. It surpassed our greatest expectations. The reason it was so successful was because of the people who were willing to work so hard. I would also like to thank my Class Officers. They all did an exceptional job throughout their four high school years. My hope is that every one of you have developed the capabilities, through your education, of not only surviving, but of being able to live a very productive life. As you

continue your travels through life, I hope you will remember your days at Whiting High School, and all of the friends that you have made while you were here. I hope you will attain the goals you have set for yourself. Remember those goals can be reached if you work hard to attain them.

Best of luck in the future,



Mr. Don Adkins
Sponsor, Class of 1997



From Jayson E. Knazur, President of Class of 1997



ation. Four years have gone by. It seems as if it was yesterday when we were freshmen. My how the time has flown by. As each of you follows your path in life, you will remember these years, you will remember your friends, the laughter and the pain.

Your smiles reflect the memories locked deep within your hearts, future dreams shine like bright stars against distant nights. You have grown so much and you will grow forever. As freshmen, we came to Whiting High School as individuals and, now as seniors, we leave this institution as ONE—a group that is called the Class of 1997.

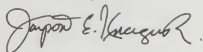
For the past four years, we have had many memories. But, the memories you will remember the most are all of the friendships that you have made. I wish all of you the best of luck in the future. You should all be concerned about the future because you will have to spend the rest of your lives there. I urge you to hold yourself responsible for a higher standard than anybody else expects of you. When a challenge is upon you and you say "It is enough, I can't do it"—than you are lost. Keep adding, keep advancing, keep walking, do not stop, do not turn back, do not turn from the straight road—accomplish that challenge to the best of

your ability. The only thing worthwhile in life is to do everything you can to make things better. Sure, people should laugh and celebrate. But I ask you, what is there to celebrate if you're not achieving.

Classmates, in the game of life, you have to take chances to advance. If you did all of the things you are capable of doing, you would literally astound yourself. Classmates, please take chances, make a good life for yourselves. The world would come to a standstill if all we did was stay in the same place. Just remember the good times we have had in our journey together. I wish all of you the best of luck in anything and everything you choose to pursue in your life.

Good Luck!

Sincerely,



Jayson E. Knazur
President of Class of 1997

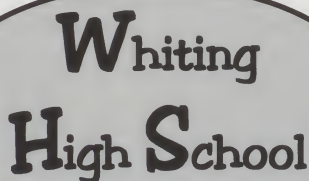
Classmates,

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as the President of the Class of 1997. Our journey began on August 28, 1993. We ended our journey on June 5, 1997. Our journey was titled high school.

Classmates, we are the stars, we are shining bright, we have accomplished a milestone in our lives—gradu-

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Senior Awards

Hard work pays off

● By Tiffany Amber Sanchez and Melissa Adkins

W hiting High School's Awards Day was held May 21 in the auditorium. The majority of the awards and scholarships were presented to senior students.

Many seniors worked hard during their four years of high school to receive these awards, while some received awards based on their talents.

Regardless of the reason, these seniors should be proud of their accomplishments and continue to reach for the best.



- Above left, Aimee Gollnick was presented with the Senoras of Yesterday Award by Mrs. Razo and Mrs. Machuca.
- Above right, Melissa Adkins was the proud recipient of the Centier Bank-Schrage Family Scholarship presented to her by Mr. John Buronosky.
- Left, Barbara Maleckar received the Jack Taylor Scholarship presented to her by Dr. Manwaring.





- Above left, Lisa Banaszak was the proud recipient of this year's Judge Ciesar, Jr. Scholarship.
- Above right, Jim Weller accepts an award being presented to him by Dr. Manwaring.



- Right, Jayson Knazur was one of three seniors honored by Mr. Foss with a journalism award.
- Below, Joe Markovich was this year's winner of the Dr. Peter Stecy Scholarship.



Marine Corp Academic Award
Barbara Maleckar

Marine Corp Band
Tony Kwintera

Air Force Math & Science Award
Barbara Maleckar

U.S. Army Scholar Athlete
Heather Trojnar

Wells Scholars
Melissa Adkins
Heather Trojnar

Alexander Kompier Award
Melissa Adkins

Senoras of Yesteryear
Aimee Gollnick

**Centier Bank-Schrage
Family Scholarship**
Melissa Adkins

Judge Ciesar, Jr. Scholarship
Lisa Banaszak

Dr. Peter Stecy Scholarship
Joe Markovich

Jack Taylor Scholarship
Barbara Maleckar

NHS Certificate of Merit
Melissa Adkins
Heather Trojnar

Scholarship W's
Melissa Adkins
Barbara Maleckar

DAR Award
Melissa Adkins

Principal's Leadership Award
Heather Trojnar

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Graduation

*Seniors are
"free at last."*

Graduation is a time of mixed emotions; it is filled with happiness, sadness, excitement and fear. It is the last time to be a kid before being thrown into the real world—a great moment bringing to close a large chapter of life. At 7 p.m., on Thursday, June 5, 1997, the Senior Class gathered together for the last time in Memorial Gymnasium to celebrate their accomplishments. Valedictorian **Barbara Maleckar** and Salutatorian **Melissa Adkins**, along with Class President **Jayson Knazur** gave speeches reflecting on their years in high school. The ceremony also included a slide show commemorating the last four years. As the seniors watched, "The Freshmen" by the Verve Pipe and "These Are Days" by 10,000 Maniacs were played in the background. Many of the seniors left with tears in their eyes and memories in their hearts about many friends they left behind.



• By Melissa Adkins and Heather Trojnar



- Left, Barbara Maleckar beams after receiving her diploma.
- Above, Kimberly Mikulski and Jenny Rodriguez celebrate at the post-graduation party in the cafeteria.
- Right, Nicole DeBold and Rosa Rodriguez, along with the rest of the high school choir were filled with emotion as they performed two songs for the graduates.

- Lisa Zubeck says a tearful farewell to Tom Legg.
- Salutatorian Melissa Adkins.
- Class President Jayson Knazur.
- Andres Casillas, Joe Holtrop, Danny Lakes, and Jorge DelReal anticipate graduation.



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Last Day

School's out for summer

● By Rachel Lyons

As the last week of school approached, many students were obviously excited and anxious. After 180 days, all of the students at Whiting High School were ready to leave for a long summer break.

"I'm very excited that the school year is finally over," sophomore **Tiffany-Amber Sanchez** said. "I'm looking forward to spending the summer with my friends."

While many students looked forward to summer break, many others first had to take final examinations in specialized, higher level courses.

The cleaning out of lockers, and the returning of library and textbooks were all indications that the school year was drawing to a close.

• Sophomore **Angela Lopez** wonders what she should do with all her things on the last day of school.

• Sophomore **Tina Bass** puts all her papers in her folder to take home.





• Sophomore Dan Donovan collects his things to take home for the summer.

• Sophomore Adrianna Dominguez cleans out her locker on the last day.

• Sophomores Beth Carroll and Judy Chicvara talk about what they're going to do over the summer.

• Aron Weller decides what he is going to take home for the summer.

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Closing

Students look back on year full of memories

● By Mandy Meyers

As the school year came to an end, there were sighs of relief and joy from all students. The anticipation of June was finally here.

"I'm excited that summer is finally here. I need a break from school," junior **Elizabeth Fetsis** said.

It was a good year for everyone to remember, all the way from the graduating seniors down to the newcoming freshmen.

When the seniors look back at their most exciting year, they will recall all of the good times. They will look back someday and remember all the memories they have made throughout the years at WHS.

Preparing for Prom was the highlight of this year's junior class. They all worked hard together to put on a successful Prom.

The Sophomore Class is thrilled that they will now become upperclassmen.

Getting a taste of high school for the first time is what the Freshmen Class will remember this year. They also made a lot of new friends at the same time.

Even though we are saying goodbye to another year, we are also welcoming a new year. Next year hopes to be just as memorable as last. Until then, we will cherish the memories we have made during the year at WHS.



•The 1997 Sectional Sweetheart Queen Lisa Zubeck sits on her throne, while her King Mauricio Rosendo looks on.



• Senior Jayson Knazur cheers the Oilers on to a victory during a football game.

• Right, senior Joe Holtrop stands by his locker while proudly displaying his Oiler spirit across his chest during Homecoming week.



• Left, juniors Mike Toleikis, Mike Toth, and Brett Jennings take a few minutes to pose for a picture at Prom.

• Below left, Coach Cain and Principal Flick hold the 1997 Class A Sectional championship trophy that the Oilers' football team had won.

• Below right, seniors Lisa Zubeck, Andres Casillas, and Adrienne DeLuna hung each other one last time before they graduate.



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The Year That

It was a year of tragedy, triumph

Where does one start? Well, it certainly was a year to remember, one filled with great tragedies and dramatic triumphs.

Perhaps the biggest news of 1996-97 was that the Summer Olympics came to Atlanta, but the real news was made off the playing field, so to speak, when there was a terrible bombing at Centennial Park. After months of intensive investigation, the FBI targeted security guard Richard Jewell as its prime suspect, but later dropped all charges on Jewell, but not after the man had suffered numerous unfair accusations and public humiliation.

Yet another tragedy occurred just weeks before the start of the Olympics when TWA Flight 800 exploded off the Long Island, N.Y. coast, resulting in the deaths of 300-some passengers. Like the Olympic bombing, the downing of Flight 800 went unsolved, although terrorism was not ruled out by investigators.

O.J. Simpson, the former NFL great, was back in the news again for 1997 when he was found liable in the civil suit for the wrongful deaths of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald

Goldman. As a consequence, O.J. was ordered by the court to come up with mucho dollars to compensate the families. The previous year, O.J. was found not guilty in the famed criminal trial, what many observers have aptly called "The Trial Of The Century".

President Bill Clinton was, of course, a big part of the news of 1996-97. He committed 300,000 troops to Iraq as a means of support for the Kurds, who had suffered numerous missile strikes by Iraqi forces. Later, despite being haunted by the Whitewater investigation and numerous accusations of immorality, Clinton won his second term as President, defeating Republican Presidential nominee Bob Dole. Dole lost the election, many believe, because of his Bob "Dull" persona.

In sports, the Chicago Bulls and its league MVP Michael Jordan raced through the regular season by winning a record 72 games and then captured its fourth NBA championship in six years. Meanwhile, the New York Yankees rallied from a 3-1

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• By Kelley Meyerhoff

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• It was such a spectacular year that *The Reflector* wanted to chronicle it with pictures of people and events which seemed to best characterize the year.



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series deficit to defeat the Atlanta Braves and win the World Series; the Green Bay Packers won Super Bowl XXXI; Florida won college football's National Championship; and Arizona upset defending champion Kentucky to win college basketball's NCAA crown.

In other sports news, Evander "The Real Deal" Holyfield shocked the boxing world by recording a TKO win over "Iron" Mike Tyson. Also, Mike Ditka, the former Chicago Bears coaching legend, raised some eyebrows when he moved from the broadcasting booth to the playing field again, however, as the new coach of the New Orleans Saints. And, 21-year-old Tiger Woods emerged as the game's premiere golfer after winning the Masters in record fashion.

Dennis Rodman, of self-proclaimed "Rodmania" and the rebounding star for the Chicago Bulls, continued the hype when he kicked a sideline cameraman in the groin area, and then was booted himself by the NBA, serving an 11-game suspension.

In what rates as the most bizarre story of 1997, a cult of 39 members, calling themselves Heaven's Gate, committed mass suicide believing their bodies would be transported to a spaceship that was positioned behind the Hale-Bopp comet. Wow!

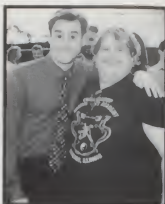
In health and fitness news,

more and more people were concerned about having rock-hard abs, and naturally, the Ab-Flexor and all other similar training devices were a hot-seller among health conscious people. And, to show off that slender waistline, Hip-hugger pants were a woman's fashion craze. The fuzzy and lovable Tickle Me Elmo toy was a must-have for children during Christmastime. Beanie Babies were also very popular among children.

At the movies, these flicks were smashes at the Box Office for 1996-97: Independence Day, Phenomenon, Jerry Maguire, Bulletproof, First Wives Club, Twister, Space Jam, Disney's 101 Dalmations, Evita, The English Patient, and Liar, Liar. But the movie which grabbed the most attention was the re-release of the Star Wars Trilogy, complete with new special effects since its initial release 20 years ago.

In music, the group Los Del Rio had the nation dancing the "Macarena"; Alanis Morissette toured the world, riding the crescendo of her award-winning album Jagged Little Pill; and the group No Doubt scored a No. 1 with its break-up song "Don't Speak", but Donna Lewis brought couples together with her smash "Always and Forever".

Yes, it was an amazing year, a year to remember when . . .



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Acknowledgements

This 192-page yearbook reflects 180 days of a school year. For some of you, this was your first year at Whiting High School and for others, it was your last year. The purpose of this book is to help you remember all of the memories of the 1996-97 school year. The theme of this year's Reflector is "remember when". When flipping through these pages 20 years down the line, I hope you will just "remember when" you were a student at Whiting High School.

The Reflector in its 76th year was headed once again by Mr. Jeff Foss. I would like to thank Mr. Foss for all of his help and guidance he has shown me. Without him believing in me, this book would not be possible. Because of Mr. Foss' guidance, this yearbook was increased by over 45 pages. Another big change for us was producing the yearbook entirely on computer instead of paper, and as you saw, the entire context of the book has been totally redesigned. This state-of-the-art book would not be possible without students to produce it. I had an outstanding staff. Sure, we had some ups-and-downs but we worked together to produce this yearbook.

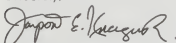
The yearbook staff grew from just 9 last year to 19 students. With only 3 veterans returning -- Beth Dybel, Lisa Bayless and myself -- we all knew that we had a great deal to overcome, but we accomplished our goals.

Not only are a yearbook staff and an advisor keys to producing a great yearbook, but our publisher Herff Jones also plays a vital role as well. A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Susan Taylor, our Herff Jones Representative and Julie Borgart, our customer service representative at the Herff Jones plant in Kansas. Also, a thank you goes out to our official school photographer, Olan Mills and Mr. John Taylor. Reva, who is Mr. Taylor's secretary, did a good job answering my questions.

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I hope this yearbook will help "remember when" you were a student at Whiting High School. Take care of this yearbook and enjoy it. It was a great experience to be the Editor-in-Chief of the book. I enjoyed every minute. Good Luck to you in anything and everything you do in life.

Sincerely,

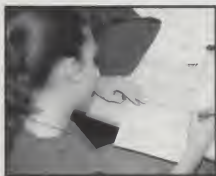
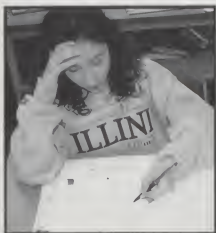
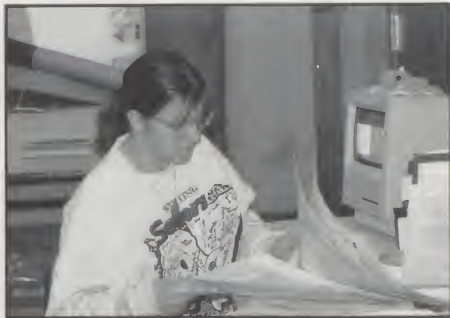


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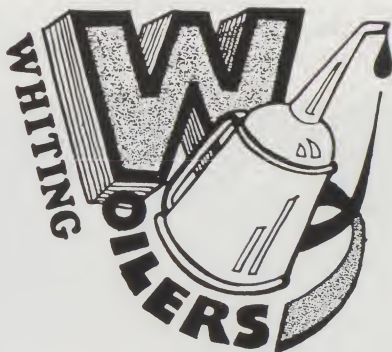


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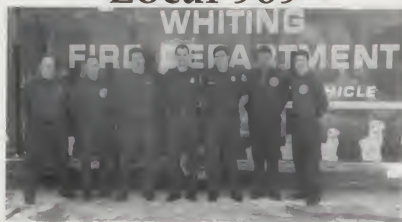
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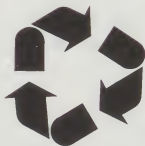


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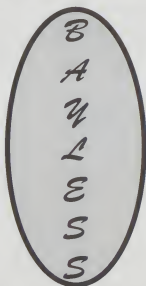
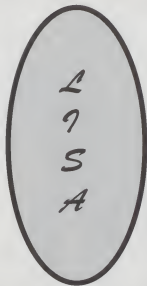
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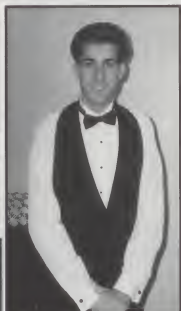
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